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FOCUS on Latin America

What's ahead . . .

"A round-trip ticket to Tenochtitlán, please."

That's how it will be if Salvador Novo can convince Mexico City to take back the name it had for five centuries beginning in 1320.

It's a tongue twister. But in the end, Tenochtitlán could clear up confusion, contends Mexico City's erudite chronicler.

No fewer than three governmental units now bear the "Mexico" tag—Mexico, the country; Mexico, the state; and Mexico City, the nation's capital.

Pity the postman. Pity the tourist.

The name change will be a long time coming—if ever. Meanwhile, Mexico City continues to mushroom in size. Its 7 to 8 million residents make it the sixth largest city in the world.

Mr. Novo hasn't polled them all on his proposed name switch. Yet he says he thinks they'll like it because Mexicans feel sentimental about the name of Tenochtitlán.

But the tourist agent—well, he'll just have to learn to spell it.

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On the horizon: A Latin-American telecommunication network.

The third regular meeting of the Inter American Commission of Telecommunications, known in Spanish by the initials CITEL, is now meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

It's tying up the last loose lines of a plan to set such a system humming by 1978 at the latest.

Using microwaves and submarine cables, the network will cost $300 million—$250 million for land lines and $50 million for stations.

Most of this investment will be needed to improve service within individual countries. The present lack of it often makes international service difficult.

CITEL isn't forgetting satellite communication. That's part of the picture.

Trends . . .

As Pope Paul was making his pronouncement against artificial methods of birth control, Latin-American population specialists were issuing grave warnings on the demographic explosion.

- Abortion rates are increasing throughout the hemisphere.
- Uruguay has one of the lowest birth rates in Latin America (1.3 percent growth per year). But it is achieving this only through an abortion rate now estimated at three abortions for every live birth. These figures, recently disclosed, came as a shock to Uruguayans.
- Colombia's 3.7 percent increase per year is expected to shoot its population level past that of Argentina by 1977. At present, the four most populous Latin-American nations are: Brazil (88.3 million), Mexico (47.3 million), Argentina (25.4 million), Colombia (20 million).

With Latin America considered nominally Roman Catholic, the Pope's encyclical message is causing a problem of conscience for many Roman Catholics who practice birth control.

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South America is straining for the sight of rain clouds.

Drought conditions have become severe. They threaten to undermine the hemisphere's efforts to develop its economies and solve its staggering social problems.

Harvests have been sharply reduced in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay.

Chile has declared the drought a "national catastrophe" in its central and coastal provinces where harvests are down by more than $40 million.

Production of bananas, cotton, palm oil, sugar, and rice has dwindled dramatically in Ecuador and Peru.

In the Caribbean the dry spell has been going on for more than a year. Sugar production has tumbled in Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic.

How and why . . .

Tilting with Congress can be invigorating.

Emerging from his recent showdown with the Senate, Colombia's President Lleras Restrepo is stronger than ever.

When legislators refused to accept all points in his constitutional reform program, he handed in his resignation.

Nationwide support poured in. Government officials threatened to resign. Workers went on sympathy strikes. Letters and cables supporting the President flooded San Carlos Palace in Bogotá.

Within a week the Senate rejected his resignation by a two-thirds vote and passed most of his requested reforms. Some of these aim at enhancing presidential authority in economic matters.

Thus strengthened, President Lleras Restrepo is expected to make important Cabinet and gubernatorial changes soon.

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Parties converge

Methods and attitudes may seem to differ but Republicans and Democrats seek broad aims

'Anything as boring as this must have been planned that way'

By Saville R. Davis
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Miami Beach

The Republicans and Democrats will offer the voters this fall a strikingly similar array of programs, from strikingly divergent points of view.

It is an extraordinary experience, here at the Republican convention, to survey the evidence in detail. There are important differences of method and attitude to be seen and heard. But in general the two parties seek the same broad aims—more similar than at any time since the great depression—by differing routes.

In Chicago the Democrats will therefore say to the voters, "We brought the country into the modern, socially conscious era. You should trust us, who did it and believe in it, to keep the country on course."

The Republicans are saying here, "The Democrats have run out of steam. After eight years of driving experimental new laws onto the books under forced draft, these programs are in a shambles of mistakes and bad management.

"Everyone is dissatisfied. The time has come for a new team to take over and straighten it out. That is the American way."

Rejected programs

To go on from here requires a carload of documentation. A zealous correspondent counted 281 pledges in the "short" Republican platform. Speech texts have piled up like sand dunes on a wind-whipped coast. The average citizen is at the mercy of news summaries that are compelled to oversimplify.

It should carry some weight, therefore, that a wide array of experienced political specialists here have reached conclusions similar to those above. In particular there are a number of "White House regulars" here, reporters who cover the presidency week in and week out. They read the Republican platform, and in greater or less degree they found it packed with statements of policy, and even actual phrases, that they recognized as the grist of eight years of covering two Democratic presidents. It is there, incontrovertibly, in the record. A sizable proportion of these were requests made to the Congress by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, which Congress then rejected.

Complex problems

The most common interpretation is not that the Republicans have produced "an echo rather than a choice," to paraphrase the Goldwater slogan of 1964. The narrowing of differences in aims is attributed, rather, to the subsiding of old party dogmas and habits of thought, in this era of new and complex problems, and to the efforts of intelligent policymakers in both parties to work out sensible, modern solutions.

In trying to guide the economy and keep prosperity steady, in seeking to keep the Communist and non-Communist worlds in a stable relationship, in struggling to balance law and order at home with the sudden revolt of the underprivileged, in groping to end the old welfare system and give people jobs and self-reliance, the two sets of political leaders have found themselves drawn closer together by the logic of what needed to be done.

The important differences between them can more effectively be summarized than quoted or listed, because the partisan arguments often rush past each other without ever meeting.

The Democrats say they know that many of the Great Society laws are poorly and inadequately drawn and badly administered. Some of this, they argue, is unavoidable when new and untried experiments are launched in a great hurry, and on a vast scale, to meet sudden and urgent national needs.

Much of it, they concede, is due to politics. An administration has to face the realities of trying to stay in power, keep some of its

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Delegates like party's new image

The party . . .

has proved . . .

it can unite.

By Godfrey Sperling Jr.
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Miami Beach

A political miracle has reached its completion here in Miami.

Four years ago the Republican Party was split asunder. A single philosophy of conservatism held the reins. And in the wreckage of defeat in the fall of 1964 there was a real question as to whether the Republican Party could pull itself together again.

The differences within the party still exist—but, on the eve of nomination balloting, the bitterness and even enmity are absent.

Take a random tour among the delegates on the convention floor here and hear their viewpoints:

A Texan talked only of "correcting civil violence." This was what a Republican administration would mean to him.

A Wisconsin delegate said that the Republicans now had a "new interest in attacking pressing problems." But he complained there "wasn't enough of this in the platform."

An Illinois delegate said the party today was emphasizing "fiscal stability." He said that the "people want to be free from fear"; and that the Republican Party stood, first of all, for achieving that objective.

An Ohio delegate said the party was stressing "the old fundamentals that made our country great."

From Oklahoma a delegate said that the "new" party was addressing itself to "a compassionate approach to solving problems."

From Alaska a woman delegate said: "Our party is now the party of the people."

A Hawaii delegate said: "This party is now more concerned with problems. We want to get the poor people out of the gutters."

A Montana delegate: "The Republican Party is back in the fold again. We have been getting further and further away from Americanism and a belief in God. The GOP stood for that for years. Now we are back on the right track."

An Ohio delegate: "The party is going to

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The differences . . .

still exist . . .

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but without enmity.

Out around the 10-yard line

By Richard L. Strout
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Miami Beach

This convention hall is as big as a football field. Here originates what has been going out on television prime time since the week started. It is full of noise, people, confusion, and hyperbole.

The ceiling is a metal roof with mysterious catwalks and metal cold-air ducts pouring down refreshing air. There are some nets with colored balloons waiting to be released during the nomination speeches.

Out around the 10-yard line and back to where the rear goalposts ought to be are seated delegates and alternates of 50 states with poles on the aisles holding state standards. The delegates of each state have distinctive insignia like classes at a college reunion: Kansas with sunflowers; Illinois with papier-mâché straw hats with red, white, and blue bands; Florida with orange blazers.

Slanting up from the sides of the central area are bleachers holding the general public, and seats are said to be hard to get, though why, goodness knows, judging by the quality of program provided at this particular performance. Speakers are reading a summary of the immensely long 1968 platform.

It seems impossible to believe that anything as boring as this could just have happened; it must have been planned that way. The feelings of voters deprived of their usual television fare can only be surmised.

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Peking snubs 'wayward' Hanoi leaders

By John Hughes
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Hong Kong

More and more evidence is emerging of Communist China's disaffection with the Hanoi leadership.

By a series of calculated diplomatic maneuvers, the Peking regime in recent days has gone out of its way to underline its disapproval of the tactics followed by Ho Chi Minh, President of North Vietnam.

Visiting delegations to Peking from Guinea and Pakistan have been personally received by Chairman Mao Tse-tung, with appropriately effusive description in the Chinese press.

Yet a visiting delegation from Hanoi got the cold-shoulder treatment from Chairman

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Inside today

Franco clamps lid on Basque agitation

The Franco government has imposed sweeping police powers on part of the Basque region of northern Spain. The move follows an upsurge of terrorism by Basque separatists.

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Anglican bishops disagree with Pope

Anglican Church bishops now have disagreed publicly with Roman Catholic birth-control doctrines. The effect this could have on Christian unity is yet to be seen.

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'What's happening?'

'Phone your wife!'

By John Dillin
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Miami Beach

It's a long way from the first political convention in the 1830's to the razzmatazz of Miami Beach '68. But in some ways the old days were better.

Front row at convention time, for example, used to include the choicest seats in the house—but no more.

Rumor has it here that some disgruntled front-seat delegates are demanding "a piece of the action"; they are insisting post-haste that they be supplied with portable color television sets so they will know what's really going on for a change. Preferably each set would receive all three networks at once.

The coming of the "tube" has changed everything. The scene of the action has shifted from the pontification on the podium to the pontification in the $60,000 glassed-in cages of the TV commentators—Huntley-Brinkley, Cronkite, and Smith—that hang dramatically over the delegates' heads. The

By a staff photographer

The oranges were wired

best seats are those close to some delegate being interviewed by television.

Regular pad-and-pencil reporters, like the

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Labor rifts hit media in Britain

By David P. Shaw
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London

Britain's news media, both printed and televised, are in trouble today.

Yet for both the future outlook is bright.

At the moment, however, Britons have some reason to feel they are not getting value for money from either.

Transmissions on the commerical television network have been blacked out from time to time in recent days owing to a dispute involving technicians employed by the 15 commercial companies.

These companies have been forced to offer the public a single, pooled, and mainly canned program.

At the same time newspaper readers, in particular those who subscribe to national daily papers printed in London and Manchester, have found that the layouts have become increasingly dull over the past few days because of an industrial dispute involving workers who produce illustrations —the printing blocks used for pictures and cartoon strips.

Pay claim involved

National daily papers have carried apologies telling their readers that a dispute is on and that they are dong the best they can in the circumstances.

The dispute involving members of the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, and Process Workers is over a pay claim.

Nearly 700 process workers were warned to call off their three-week-old go-slow Monday. When they failed to halt it, they were dismissed. Newspaper production continues without them.

The union had refused to continue talking about its pay claim. They sought an immediate settlement of the claim.

Peace hopes on the commercial television front, by comparison, are much brighter. Programs are expected to be back to normal in the near future as workers are reinstated and pay negotiations resumed.

Drabness recalls war

British national newspapers have not looked so drab since World War II days, when there was newsprint rationing. Readers have watched helplessly as their popular cartoon strips have slowly disappeared one by one.

Undated news pictures have taken the place of up-to-the-minute illustrations.

In fact the largest single number of illustrations to survive have been those on feature pages planned well in advance of publication. But even these, and the ever popular crosswords, could soon disappear as stocks run out.

There is a brighter side to this picture, too.

The British newspaper industry received a morale booster Tuesday with the emergence of a new provincial evening paper, the Evening Post, which is to serve the needs of 200,000 people in the Medway towns district of Kent.

Debut a secret

It is the fourth new British provincial evening paper to be born in three years.

Its debut was kept a very close secret. Traditional production—by letterpress—is being used initially and the paper is coming out only five evenings a week.

But when the printing operations are relocated, new techniques will be employed, says managing editor Dennis Fowle. By then, too, the paper will be bringing out a Saturday edition with a sports service.

Unlike a good many newspapers here, the Kent Evening does not belong to a combine. It is produced by a family concern which intends to continue its multiedition weekly, the Kent Messenger.

Eventually the Kent Evening will cover the whole county and be available to commuters at stations along the line to London.

Lord Thomson newcomers

Three other newcomers to the British newspaper scene have emerged from the Lord Thomson of Fleet stable at a cost of £3.5 million ($8.4 million). The first was the Evening Post at Reading in September, 1965. After initial teething troubles it now has a healthy 50,000 circulation.

A dispute over the manning of new printing machinery held up, for eight months, the launching of Lord Thomson's evening papers printed at Hemel Hempstead, designed to serve Watford and Luton areas on the northwestern fringes of the London area. This pair now sell, together almost 70,000 daily.

Lord Thomson has often been criticized for wanting to own more and more papers—he has 61 daily and weekly papers in Britain—but he is always on the look around. At the present time, though, said a spokesman, there are no "immediate plans" for launching another paper.

If the Evening Post in Kent is the fourth new British paper, the fifth is likely to be at Guildford in Surrey. There, owners and publishers of the Surrey Advertiser tried their hand last year at producing an evening paper. The experiment was a success. Plans to launch an evening paper for that area of southern England are reported "under discussion," but no firm starting date has been given.

Ocean carpet sweeper?

To suck up deposits on the ocean floor, ocean-mining experts plan to use a device suggesting a giant vacuum cleaner.

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Warsaw pact chief

Soviet Gen. Sergei Shtemenko has been appointed chief of staff for Warsaw pact forces. According to the East German official news agency ADN, he succeeds Soviet Army Gen. M. I. Kasakov for health reasons.

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International . . .

Prague

President Tito of Yugoslavia, a strong supporter of Czechoslovakia's liberalization program, is scheduled to arrive in Prague Aug. 9 for an official visit that has been postponed four times in the past two weeks. It will be his first here since 1965.

Saigon

A United States-South Vietnamese task force invaded a major Viet Cong supply depot and killed 252 enemy soldiers in a week of clashes that took American infantrymen deeper into the Mekong Delta than ever before, military spokesmen announced. South Vietnamese military headquarters said there were no allied fatalities.

The fighting took place in three provinces about 125 miles southwest of Saigon on the fringes of the U Minh forest, a Viet Cong sanctuary virtually untouched by government troops for more than 20 years.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hopes of a successful outcome for the Nigerian peace talks plunged Wednesday with the departure of Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu, Biafran head of state and leader of the country's negotiating team.

Mr. Ojukwu, considered the only man in the Biafran hierarchy capable of making a concrete decision, left Addis Ababa Tuesday night for Abidjan, capital of the Ivory Coast.

Paris

Chief United States negotiator W. Averell Harriman Wednesday gave his North Vietnamese counterparts the names of 14 Communist sailors the U.S. intends to release as a reciprocal goodwill gesture.

Mr. Harriman told Hanoi delegate Col. Ha Van Lau at the 16th session of the preliminary peace talks here that the gesture was in "reciprocity" for the recent freeing of three American pilots.

The sailors to be returned were among a group of 19 captured in 1966 while attacking U.S. naval vessels off the coast of North Vietnam. The other five previously had been returned.

Warsaw

Poland has rejected a Romanian protest that Warsaw press and television depicted the Bucharest foreign policy in "a tendentious and distorted light."

The Romanian protest was contained in a note handed by the Romanian ambassador to the Polish Foreign Ministry July 10.

Prague

The Presidium of the Czechoslovak Communist Party appealed to Czechoslovak newsmen to show restraint in their comments on national and international affairs, "especially in the field of foreign policy."

United States . . .

Washington

The nation's jobless rate dropped one-tenth of 1 percent in July, reflecting a normal summer-season pattern, the United States Department of Labor reported.

Minneapolis

Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey urged that the United States do whatever is necessary to cut red tape and complications which he said withhold food from Biafra. Meanwhile in Washington, Secretary of State Dean Rusk said the United States is searching urgently for ways to speed up deliveries of badly needed food and supplies for civilian victims of the Nigerian civil war.

Topeka, Kan.

Rick Harman, a political novice, scored an upset to win the Republican nomination for governor in Tuesday's primary election.

Mr. Harman defeated Lt. Gov. John Crutcher and one other candidate for the nomination. He will face Gov. Robert B. Docking, who was unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Rep. Bob Dole, thwarted a comeback bid by former Gov. William H. Avery to win Republican nomination for the United States Senate.

Los Angeles

Lt. Gov. Robert H. Finch flew home from the Republican National Convention for a firsthand briefing on two shootings that left three Negroes dead and six persons, including two policemen, wounded. The Los Angeles Negro community appealed to a Negro gunman in one battle involving police to give himself up as sporadic violent incidents flared in the Watts area after the shootings.

Harvey, Ill.

Sporadic gunfire wounded seven policemen and a woman during a disturbance police said was started by Negro youths. Scores of law enforcement officers moved in to secure the troubled area.

Chicago

Communications installations for the Democratic National Convention have been hindered by equipment shortages, a spokesman for striking electrical workers said.

The chief negotiator for the Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers attributed the shortages to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company.

Earlier Illinois Bell accused the strikers of taking an "all or nothing" position in bargaining to end the strike. Because of the strike, only half the communications equipment originally planned for the convention will be available.

Chicago

Jeff Fort, No. 2 man in the Blackstone Rangers street gang, surrendered to federal marshals on a charge of contempt of Congress.

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★Out around the 10-yard line at GOP convention bowl

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Up and down the aisles wander television reporters with futuristic cameras over their shoulders looking like a cross between a fire extinguisher and a machine gun. They are directed to where the news is hottest by portable radios. But, on this preparatory day, they seem to be wandering aimlessly or perhaps interviewing each other.

A batch of teen-agers suddenly jam through an entrance and begin chanting "We want Rocky!"

In Philadelphia in 1940 under similar circumstances, the crowd would have stampeded for Wendell L. Willkie, but it is perhaps significant that this audience only looks on with nonparticipatory curiosity.

Temporary chairman Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts bangs for order sounding like a couple of thunderclaps and directs the sergeant-at-arms to get busy. So far as one can see, however, the affair peters out in the far corner of the vast hall like a freshet being swallowed in New Mexico sandhills.

Thomas E. Dewey, looking so suave and distinguished that one wonders how Alice Nicholas Longworth could ever have likened him to the little man on the bridal cake, takes his turn in denouncing the horrid Democrats.

Permanent chairman Gerald R. Ford of Michigan promises that his party will "free the American people from the Vietnam war."

'We want Ev!'

Then for a brief and blessed interval, the old maestro, Everett McKinley Dirksen takes over. For a while, anyway, the TV audience is getting its money's worth.

The audience chants "We want Ev!" a few seconds too long for him and he suddenly snaps "Quiet!" The crowd giggles and obeys like a quelled class. Mr. Dirksen reflects and adds,

"I accept the nomination." They lap it up.

Unfortunately it is Mr. Dirksen's chore to tell about the platform and introduce half a dozen others to tell about it too, on the apparent assumption that printing hasn't been invented yet, and that the delegates haven't read what was in all the papers.

It is in boredom like this that the listless crowd turns eagerly to another diversion—to the entrance of the civil-rights leader, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Fifty or so of the Poor-People's crusade have demonstrated outside the convention hall along with a mule team and some of them have been given tickets by Rockefeller forces. There is a slight commotion as ushers admit some with tickets and check others. Earlier in the day the party adopted a rule banning discrimination in selecting delegates. Only about 2 percent of the present GOP delegates are black.

Seven minutes after midnight Mr. Dirksen completes his rococo presentation. Let anyone with objections speak, he says. His tone is like a minister at a marriage ceremoney.

Romney mildly critical

Gov. George Romney of Michigan emerges on the platform to the marked apprehension of the audience. They relax when he praises the platform, adding, however, that he wishes there had been something in it denouncing "excessive bargaining power" of economic groups, particularly the unions. Steel bargaining, he says, has just produced "higher prices and fewer jobs." In agreement or relief the remaining delegates applaud. Bleacher seats are almost empty.

By some art, Mr. Dirksen makes his mellifluous baritone penetrate through the acoustical system. It makes the voices of lesser men sound like a train announcer in Grand Central Terminal. The session ends at 12:20 a.m.

Associated Press Wirephoto

A masterful performance

When Sen. Everett McKinley Dirksen, chairman of the platform committee, presented that document to the Republican convention he demanded quiet—and got it. He also won acceptance of the platform with a resounding roar. Theatrics helped. At one point he even tossed a copy of the platform to the floor. At right, he relaxes with the Illinois delegation.

★Attitudes may differ but parties converge

By a staff photographer

Ray C. Bliss

The chairman of the Republican Party looks out from the podium at his party's convention. GOP goals this year seem strikingly like Democratic goals—only the routes differ.

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momentum in Congress and not lose too many congressional votes. They argue until blue in the face, as the presidential and congressional reporters here know, that it is better to get imperfect laws and experiments going than to be perfectionists and lose their headway. They insist that they are trying to improve both the laws and their administration.

The broad spectrum of Republicans here at the convention will say in public and private alike that the country has paid much too high a cost, and an unnecessary cost, for this cut-and-dry method under the hasty lash of Democratic power and politics.

They feel keenly that the very morale and mainspring of American society have been badly impaired by this process. These are the freedom and the incentive that spring from the individual, protected against undue manipulation from Washington, and from the voluntary motive power that makes the American system a success. They say that responsibility and the capacity to act intelligently are drained out of men and institutions when big government takes over, and seeks to do people's thinking for them and impose too many rules for their actions.

Outlines of class evident

These protests are common to moderate and staunch conservatives here. Some party professionals will repeat them by rote. But the Republican thinkers and policymakers, and especially the array of candidates here who have to present programs to an increasingly keen and critical electorate, make these protests with passion.

Looking forward from the conventions, one completed this week and the other with its program already largely written in the Democratic record at Washington, the outlines of a campaign clash can readily be seen. On its merits, and irrespective of the personalities involved on both sides, it looks from here like a healthy competition. It is for control of the methods of running the new social era at home and for extricating the country from the worst frustrations of the Vietnam war and "wars of national liberation" abroad.

But beyond the competition is the evidence, here and in Washington—and at Chicago in two weeks—of what could be one of those big, unperceived trends for the history books. The two parties, after their extremes of conflict four years ago, appear to be significantly enlarging their common ground and discarding many of the shibboleths inherited from past eras.

Partnership underlined

None of those who argue this case offstage here at Miami would say that partisan politics is doomed or likely to lose its savor, or that logic and intelligence are about to hold sway in an age of sweet reasonableness. But it can safely be reported that parties now know, in their better moments, that the federal government can function best only with a major improvement in state and local government. The Republican platform uses the same term—partnership—that President Johnson has used scores of times in the past year.

Both parties are taking increasingly less dogmatic views of "the new economics" and of the balance between internationalism and protection in trade. Both are looking to private capital and enterprise, much more than before, to tackle the immense problems of the cities. Both are reexamining their attitude toward Communist-capitalist rivalries in a world where power is being dispersed away from the superpowers, and where nuclear weapons are still at the ready.

The list, only a fraction of the points where the Republican statements here tend to converge toward the Democratic aims, if not acts, in Washington, could go on for columns of type. Whatever the partisan howls from those who are trying to keep the light of battle shining in red eyes, these facts are in the record here.

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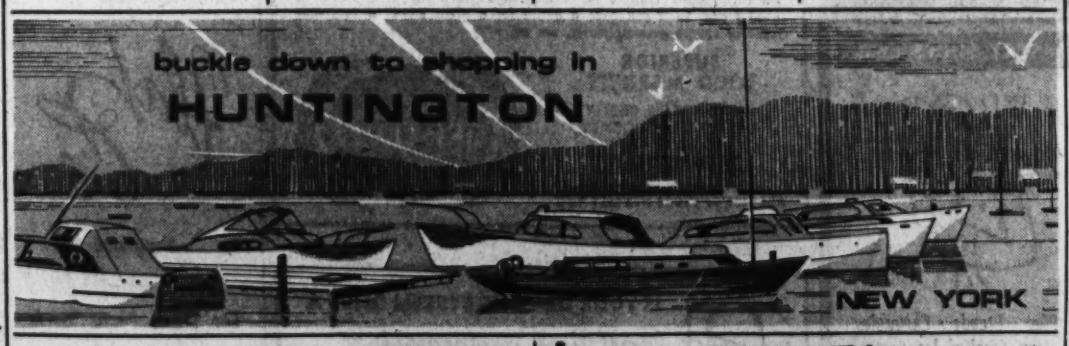

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Opposition violence flares

Franco imposes police grip on Basque region

By Richard Mowrer
Special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Madrid

The province of Guipúzcoa in the Basque region of northern Spain has become a police state.

This is the meaning of the decree issued by Generalissimo Francisco Franco's government Aug. 5 declaring a "state of exception" in the province for a period of three months.

The decree vastly increases the already considerable police powers that are a feature of firm authoritarian rule.

By suspending three articles of the Spanish bill of rights the decree permits police searches and arrests without warrant and the detention of suspects indefinitely (normally the law requires release of arrested persons within 72 hours if no judicial charges are filed).

The decree also permits authorities to deport persons to other parts of Spain.

Militants split

Behind this drastic act is the story of many months of rebelliousness by Basque nationalists, lately highlighted by terrorist activities of a clandestine group know by the letters ETA, short for "Euzkadi Ta Askatajuna" (the Basque land and its freedom).

ETA started in 1956 after militants broke with the Basque Nationalist Party which they felt was too soft. The Basque Nationalist Party is illegal.

Extreme nationalists want separation of the four Spanish Basque provinces of Guipúzcoa, Vizcaya, Alava, and Navarra from Spain and separation of the French Basque regions of Labourd, Soule, and Basse Navarre from France, the whole to be an independent country.

Their slogan scrawled on walls is: "Three plus four equals one."

Less extreme but widespread is the wish for restoration of regional autonomy obtained under the Spanish Republic and withdrawn by the Franco regime.

ETA "commandos" have been increasingly active. They have dynamited railroad tracks and war memorials to those killed in the Spanish Civil War, carried out armed raids on banks, and killed policemen.

[About 50 Basque nationalists, including priests, lawyers, and professional men, have been arrested under the "state of exception" decree, the Associated Press reported.

[Police also have tightened security along the French border. Spaniards living near the frontier have been denied the customary 24-hour or 48-hour passes allowing them to cross into France.]

Guardsman killed

The following chronology of turbulence in Spain's Basque country gives the background to the "outlawing" of Guipúzcoa Province.

• April: Basque separatists called for mass demonstrations to celebrate Basque freedom day. This ancient event was revived in 1931 when the republic was established, was abolished after the civil war but illegally revived again five years ago. It is traditionally celebrated on Easter Sunday, which fell this year on April 14, also the anniversary of the republic that General Franco overthrew. By massive presence and arrests police blocked the attempt to celebrate Basque freedom day in San Sebastián and elsewhere.

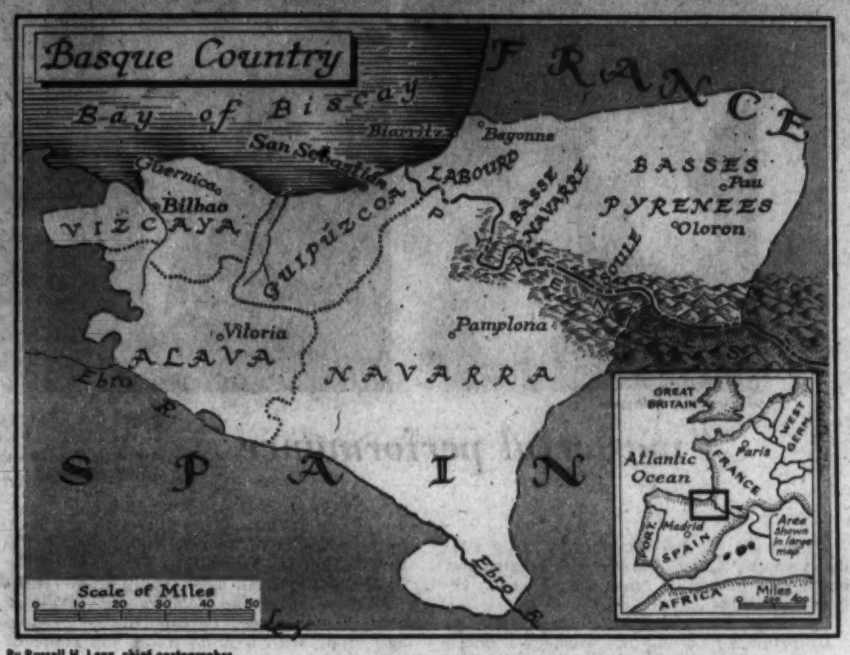
• May: A member of Spain's elite police corps, the Civil Guard, was shot and killed near San Sebastián. Four Basques were killed in the fray. Another, 19-year-old Ignacion Sarasqueta, was caught and sentenced to 58 years imprisonment on a charge of complicity in murder.

• June: The sentence of the youth and his trial were nullified on a technicality. A second court martial passed the death sentence on him. On the next day General Franco commuted the sentence to 30 years in prison.

• July: The authorities banned public attendance of requiem services for Javier Etchebarrieta, who shot a civil guardsman and himself was shot.

Six priests were arrested and jailed for failure to pay fines imposed on them for earlier offenses. They had been charged with insulting church dignitaries and state officials and in one instance for not permitting the Spanish flag to be brought into a church. Three priests refused to bless newly inaugurated public works on the July 18 anniversary of the military rising that brought General Franco to power.

• August: The provincial police chief of Guipúzcoa was assassinated and a "state of exception" decreed.



By Russell H. Lenz, chief cartographer

Independence demanded

Extreme Basque nationalists demand independence for the four Basque provinces of Spain and the Basque part of southern France. But most Spanish Basques would be content with restoration of the regional autonomy granted them under the Spanish Republic and withdrawn by Franco regime.

Anglicans disagree with Pope

By John Allan May
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

London

After much difficulty and with obvious sorrow, 468 bishops of the Anglican Church have recorded a unanimous conviction that reaffirmation by Pope Paul VI of Roman Catholic teaching on birth control is unacceptable to them.

This happened at the Lambeth Conference here in London. At Lambeth for 100 years all the bishops of the Anglican communion have been invited once every 10 years to meet to discuss the affairs of the church, although not to lay down judgments on points of doctrine.

Now at Lambeth there is a poignant anxiety about what this gentle but open disagreement with the Church of Rome will do to the movement for church unity, particularly between Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

At a press conference after the new Lambeth resolution had been passed, the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt. Rev. Dr. William L. S. Fleming, reported "a great sensitiveness to the fact that the conference was not there to sit in judgment on the papal encyclical."

Appreciation expressed

Yet at the same time, the Anglican bishops felt they must say something for the very reason that the Pope in his message was addressing not only Roman Catholics but the whole world.

Their resolution spoke of their appreciation of "the Pope's deep concern for the institution of marriage and the integrity of family life."

Nevertheless, it added, the conference found itself unable to agree with the Pope's conclusion that all methods of conception control outside of abstinence and the rhythm method are contrary "to the order established by God."

Just as Pope Paul had reaffirmed traditional Roman Catholic teaching, so the Anglican bishops reaffirmed the view set out at the previous Lambeth conference in 1958, which itself restated traditional Anglican teaching on the subject.

Key passages noted

The key passages in that teaching are these:

"The responsibility for deciding upon the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere.

"This planning, in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in Christian conscience, is a right and important factor in Christian family life and should be the result of positive choice before God."

★ Peking heaps rebuffs on 'wayward' Hanoi

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Mao and only a barely correct reception by lesser Chinese officials.

In the non-Communist world, this might seem a picayune point of protocol. But in the carefully regulated world of Peking, this snubbing of North Vietnam, an ally torn by war with the Americans, must be read as little short of sensational.

Displeasure indicated

The rebuff seems clearly intended to underline Mao displeasure with the way Hanoi is handling the Vietnam war, and with President Ho's continuing refusal to commit himself in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

It follows an admission by Chinese Communist sources that there have been anti-Hanoi demonstrations outside North Vietnam's consulates in China's southern provinces.

President Ho's shortcoming, in Chinese eyes, is apparently that he is not obsessed with Maoist fervor. Good Communist he may be, and intent on humiliating the Americans he may be. Yet instead of fighting the protracted war the Chinese urge upon him, his lieutenants are talking with the Americans in Paris. And instead of coming down firmly on Peking's side, he picks a carefully neutral course in the Sino-Soviet quarrel.

In the rigid and doctrinaire ideology of Maoism, this is heresy. And, says one leading expert on Communism in Hong Kong, how can the heretics be received in Peking by the deity himself?

Thus the North Vietnamese delegation which visited China last month was received with minimum correctness at the Peking airport by Chinese Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien. Mr. Li lectured the North Vietnamese about the necessity for protracted war in Vietnam. Then the delegation disappeared from view. Some 10 days later it reemerged, having been trundled, according to a New China News Agency dispatch, around Chinese factories, people's communes, schools, and exhibitions.

It looks suspiciously as though the North Vietnamese, headed by Vice-Premier Le Thanh Nhgi, were sent off to cool their heels as an indication of Mao displeasure.

Treatment contrasted

This treatment was in striking contrast to their red-carpet reception previously in Czechoslovakia, East Germany, the Soviet Union, and North Korea. In each of these countries they had negotiated new economic and military aid agreements.

Not until the delegation returned to Peking from the countryside were the North Vietnamese received by Premier Chou En-lai. At this time the Chinese news agency announced that an agreement for Chinese economic and technical aid had been signed with the North Vietnamese. But no details were released.

At no time was there any indication the North Vietnamese had been received by Chairman Mao, by his designated successor, Marshal Lin Piao, nor even by Mr. Mao's wife, Chiang Ching.

In sharp contrast, Chairman Mao earlier this month received a Guinean military delegation headed merely by the Guinean deputy chief of staff, Col. Kaman Diabi. A Mao reception also was accorded the visiting Pakistani Foreign Minister, Arshad Husain.

Value underlined

Both Guinea and Pakistan are not, of course, without significance to China. In Africa, Peking's foreign policy has been almost universally disastrous. Guinea is one African land where the Chinese hope to redeem the situation.

Similarly, in Asia, Pakistan is one of the few countries on cordial terms with Peking. China can be expected to make the most of a visiting Pakistani Cabinet minister.

But that Chairman Mao would pour on the charm for a colonel from a minor African nation, while snubbing the representatives of North Vietnam, a Communist state challenging the might of American "imperialism," is a striking indication of the rift apparently growing between Peking and Hanoi.

Exiles to return?

By the Associated Press

Saigon

A majority of the members of South Vietnam's lower house has asked President Thieu to allow several "nationalist elements" to return from exile.

Gen. Duong Van "Big" Minh, former chief of state and a leader of the coup that overthrew President Diem, lives in Bangkok.

Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi, who lives in the United States, was forced to leave after he supported antigovernment Buddhists in 1966.

Lt. Gen. Nguyen Huu Co now lives in Hong Kong after being ordered not to return from a visit to Formosa because of mounting evidence of corruption.

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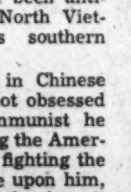
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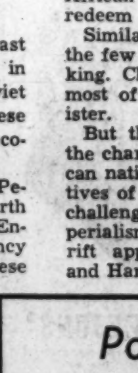
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delegates, are grumbling, too. They are crammed into seats near the podium, and the roar of the convention oratory nearly drowns out their tiny transistor radios pushed hard against their ears.

Once on the second night, the rear of the massive convention hall was suddenly filled with commotion. Television cameras and lights shifted to the rear, and electronic reporters wiggled into the middle of the spotlighted crowd.

"What's happening?" demanded one scribe who had been silly enough to come to the convention without a radio.

"It's the Rev. Abernathy," said another, clutching his $5.99 transistor. "CBS says Rockefeller and Percy gave out tickets to let Abernathy's people into the convention."

That's nothing, though, compared to the reporter who was assigned to do a story on the new rules for convention demonstrations. He went from office to office in Miami Beach's steamy heat, but couldn't find the right official. Then during his lunch break, he decided to telephone his wife, 1,500 miles away.

"How's it going?" she asked.

"Not so well," he said. And he explained his difficulty.

"No problem!" she exclaimed. "I just saw an interview about demonstrations on TV. The new rules are. . . ."

The reporter, with mixed feelings, checked further and found his wife had the story right.

Most of the reportorial work here, however, isn't that laborious. Now that the convention is going full blast, most reporters just await developments while they read newspapers, work crossword puzzles, or talk with friends. In fact, an official Monitor survey, taken in the midst of what seemed to be an endless stream of left-over luncheon-club speakers, counted 102 reporters reading, 67 blocking the aisles, 45 working puzzles, numerous dozers, and 21 eating everything from hotdogs to oranges.

Speaking of oranges, all those tourist stories are true. Out in the convention hall lobby, the Florida Citrus Commission placed a huge round wire basket filled with oranges —free for the taking. But you have to pick and choose like a persnickity housewife. At least half of the oranges had "end rot," and many of the rest were so old they were taking on an especially un-orangy odor.

By John Littlewood, staff photographer

Convention visitor

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, right, receives a ticket for the Republican convention from Sen. Charles H. Percy of Illinois. Eventually GOP National Chairman Ray C. Bliss gave Reverend Abernathy 43 more tickets for members of the Poor People's Campaign. They attended Tuesday's session.

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On the road back

Republican National Convention delegates in 1968 watched the rebuilding from the wreckage of the party's defeat in the fall of 1964.

★Delegates like new party image

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be more progressive. The party is going to push people into doing things for themselves."

Oklahoma delegate: "We have a better image. We always cared about people. But now we are getting the point over to the American public. There has been a growth of compassion in the party. There is more interest in the problems of the people."

An Arkansas delegate (a Negro): "This is a new party. A few years ago we didn't have Negroes in this delegation. Now we have two Negro delegates and two Negro alternates. The Republican Party is getting more concerned about all the people."

A New Mexico delegate (a woman): "I think we are getting back to being a conservative party. That's what I like about it."

From a Michigan delegate: "It's a new party. A real liberal party. Lots of young people. More Negroes coming in. People now are coming into the party who want to use the political processes for solving problems."

Pennsylvania delegate: "I have a feeling there is a great deal more awareness in the party of the black man than just two or four years ago."

Another Pennsylvania delegate: "A new party? Look at me. I'm just 25. I was protesting the Vietnam war at my college. But I decided I could do it better through the political processes. So I ran for delegate—and won."

From New Jersey: "I would say unqualifiedly that the party is more attractive today. We provide new alternatives on the war and on the crisis in the cities. I think we are becoming much more compassionate."

From a California delegate: "The Republican Party is now beginning to recognize and find answers to the needs of the people. Look at what Governor Reagan has done in our state."

Virginia delegate: "Law and order is all important. And the Republicans will do something about it."

Connecticut: "We are becoming a progressive party that cares. We have a compassion for the individual, for 'the people.' That is, I think of a mob when I think of 'the people.' We must help individuals."

Tennessee: "We are going back to the important principles of our party. We are on the right track. And we must stop these riots and this crime."

New York: "We have a progressive platform, and that's the way our party is going."

District of Columbia: "We are facing up to local conditions better and recognizing them better. We are becoming a more compassionate party."

So much for the viewpoints of the delegates assembled here. Clearly there are differences, some quite sharp—certainly in terms of emphasis.

But the spirit here is one of harmony.

The delegate from Mobile is bound together with the delegate from Providence by this hope of success at the polls in November.

The Republicans have decided to deemphasize some of these differences and emphasize their agreement in order to achieve this victory in the fall.

The Republican Party has come a long way in just four years' time.

Crime bill assailed

By the Associated Press

Philadelphia

Arthur J. Goldberg, former United States Supreme Court Associate Justice, says some sections of the crime bill passed by Congress last June "are both ill conceived and of dubious constitutionality."

Mr. Goldberg, addressing a breakfast at the 55th annual meeting of the American Judicature Society, did not specifically point out what he termed the bad sections.

Mr. Goldberg, who recently resigned as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said the so-called omnibus crime control and safe streets act of 1968 was pushed through because of "great public concern with the widespread violence in our country and the rising incidence of crime."

Car for Yugoslavs

By the Associated Press

Belgrade

A third Japanese automaker is following Toyota and Mazda into the Yugoslav market. It is the Nissan Company, which produces Datsun cars.

Safety's price

Tried-and-true 'cloverleaf' may go, say current freeway designers

By Lyn Shepard
Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

Drive almost anywhere on America's sprawling Interstate Highway System and where you find a crossroads, you'll find a "cloverleaf."

This four-way turnoff loop was designed by road engineers in the 1920's to remove the need for traffic right-of-way lights.

But highway-safety experts now find that the supposedly safe cloverleaf creates new perils for motorists. And so do a long list of other design features now cemented into the interstate network.

Recent witnesses before the House special subcommittee on the federal-aid highway program say that the "straight cloverleaf," with its faulty geometric twists, should be marked for extinction.

These safety specialists have shown that by altering the interchange design traffic can flow onto the turnoff ramps with far less danger.

"It'll cost a little more," admits Jack E. Leisch, a member of the Highway Research Board's design committee, "but it'll be a tremendous saving in drivers."

Single exit urged

The cloverleaf's present flaw is its multiple exits. The first turnoff at a major junction may bear a sign "I-495 East." A stranger driving at 65 m.p.h. along a freeway often finds himself torn by indecision in such a spot.

Mr. Leisch has been calling for a single exit from the main highways, as well as other design reforms, for at least 10 years. But few in authority have listened to him.

The single exit Mr. Leisch favors can then fork into "East" and "West" prongs. But at this fork, traffic will have slowed to about 25 m.p.h.

The unfamiliar driver may still lapse into indecision. But his momentary mistake will occur out of the high-speed traffic zone where he is far less likely to trigger a catastrophe.

"We should be designing for the unfamiliar driver," Mr. Leisch insists, "even though he may represent only 3 percent of the traffic.

"It takes only one driver in one lane to create havoc in five lanes."

Uniformity pressed

One of Mr. Leisch's choice complaints is that freeway turnoffs aren't uniform. When he testified before Rep. John A. Blatnik (D) of Minnesota and his House panel in July, he noted that "literally hundreds" of turnoff variations can be used.

Yet from all the variants of the five basic designs — the trumpet, diamond, partial cloverleaf, full cloverleaf, and directional interchanges—only a few are preferred by safety experts.

"Many of these forms actually lead to problems by complicating matters," Mr. Leisch told the House probers. "The straight cloverleaf doesn't do the job. It isn't even in the running . . . it has no place on a freeway."

Mr. Leisch also found fault with another fairly common design feature, the left exit. He argues that, for driver peace of mind, all turnoffs should occur on the right side of the freeway.

Obviously such defects may take years to correct. In the meantime, their toll on heavily traveled routes like Manhattan's West Side Highway can be expressed only in accident statistics. The innumerable "near misses" go uncounted.

Spacing criticized

Safety specialists contend that freeway "on" and "off" ramps aren't always spaced far enough apart so that traffic can regroup, sort out, and maneuver for the next exit.

"You need between 1,500 and 2,000 feet to allow cars to merge, diverge, and weave," Mr. Leisch suggests. "I'd say you need 1,200 feet minimum at any speed."

But he maintains that many older freeways—especially those in the cities—space these ramps at intervals of 600-900 feet. This adds to the emotional stress borne by rush-hour motorists.

"This scissors movement [weaving across lanes at interchanges spaced too closely] is extremely hazardous to both entering and exiting traffic," observes Charles W. Prisk, the Federal Highway Administration's assistant director for safety.

Another shortcoming of many superhighways is what the experts call "lane imbalance." According to House witnesses, every time an "on" ramp connects with a freeway, new lanes should appear to carry the increased traffic. The added lanes can be dropped when an exit appears.

Yet Mr. Leisch testified that this principle, too, is violated repeatedly—even on interstate routes, where the strictest standards are supposedly being enforced.

Too often, Messrs. Leisch and Prisk agree, the greatest impediment to better highway signs and designs is simply money.

'False economy' hit

"But it's false economy," Mr. Leisch hastens to add. "It's no saving, just because it costs less, if it has to be completely rebuilt."

The safety official noted that the Canadian Province of Ontario has adopted many of the ideas he has pushed, even though they may cost slightly more.

The most basic of these standards is to make highway signs simple and design uniform.

"Unless we can achieve this uniformity," Mr. Leisch says, "we leave the driver guessing.

"You've got to treat the driver on the highway the way he thinks he's going to be treated. And, unfortunately, we're not."

Third of a four-part series on highway safety. Next: symbols for safety.

Scotland Lightship enters N.Y. museum

By the Associated Press

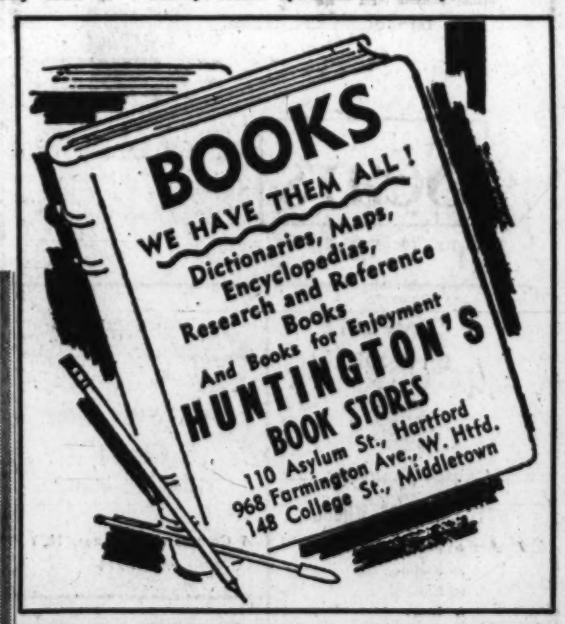
New York

After decades of guiding navigators of sea and air into New York, the Scotland Lightship took up her final station here—the South Street Seaport Museum at Pier 16, East River.

The lobster-red ship with the white hull letters "Scotland" originally was stationed over the 19th century wreck of the Steamship "Scotland" off Sandy Hook, N.J. not far from her better-known Coast Guard sistership, the Ambrose Lightship.

The two-masted Scotland Lightship, which served to warn ships of the wreck and the shoals of Sandy Hook, also sent out aircraft radio-beacon signals to planes headed for New York-area airports.

The lightship, deactivated about four years ago, has been replaced by an electronically lighted buoy. The lightship was donated to the nonprofit museum by the Coast Guard.



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Warsaw uprising commemorated

Poles banish Communist myth and write own history

By Paul Wohl
Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Poland has begun to write its true history and to throw out Communist myth. This east European nation's massive celebration of the anniversary of the Warsaw uprising of Aug. 1, 1944, illustrates the trend.

Until recently the uprising was condemned as irresponsible. It cost the lives of 160,000 freedom fighters and led to the destruction of the Polish capital. According to the official Communist version, the London government-in-exile ordered the uprising so as to forestall the liberation of Warsaw by the Soviets.

Many Poles see it differently. The Warsaw uprising, they say, failed because the Soviets, poised on the eastern bank of the Vistula, did not cross the river and come to the aid of the city. This also was Roosevelt's and Churchill's interpretation.

Stand termed heroic

All concerned agree that the uprising was one of the most heroic acts of World War II. Every Pole takes pride in the tenacity with which the insurgents held on for 63 days, defending the city block by block, fighting out of cellars and from rooftops, out of bombed churches and churchyards.

They praise the skill with which arms had been hidden away, and the ingenuity with which a defense organization had been set up under the watchful eyes of the Nazi occupiers.

But for 24 years Poles have spoken of the uprising only furtively. The Communist Party condemned it as a criminal adventure of the London Poles who preferred to see Warsaw in ruins rather than liberated by the Soviets.

Poles showed bitterness

The Polish freedom fighters were organized in the so-called AK or Armja Krajova, the home army. When this writer revisited Poland in 1961, he found it was a political liability to have belonged to the AK. Only those who had fought in Communist ranks were heroes. Yet everyone knew that the AK had been more numerous than the Communist partisans and that up to 1944 the AK bore the brunt of the fighting.

Those Poles who would talk frankly winched at the insult to the fallen freedom fighters of the AK. The memory of the uprising conjured up bitterness toward the Russians who had held back while Warsaw went down in ruins.

This sentiment was so strong that Communist Party historians were ordered to give reasons why the Soviets, after their victorious advance to the Vistula, could not gather enough strength to rescue the fighting Poles.

In the '50's the party even went so far as to set up a monument at one point on the western bank of the river where the Russians had landed a detachment toward the end of the uprising, albeit to reconnoiter rather than to intervene.

This alibi never was accepted by the bulk of the Polish people. They knew from Churchill's memoirs that Stalin had refused to allow British and American planes to use Soviet bases to carry weapons and supplies to the defenders of Warsaw.

Even party members admitted privately that Stalin's policy appeared to have been to let the anti-Soviet Polish middle class destroy itself so that it would be easier to win the rank-and-file over to communism afterwards.

Party policy changes

About five years ago the policy of the party began to change. Former members of the AK no longer had to hide their faces; they were admitted to the association of Polish veterans, declared eligible for pensions, and placed on the same footing as the Communist freedom fighters. The president of the veterans' association was, and still is, Gen. Miecyslav Moczar, an up-and-coming man in Poland today.

Despite the rehabilitation of the AK, the timing and direction of the Warsaw uprising remained on the party's blacklist.

This year even this has changed. On Aug. 1, there were big ceremonies in many places. A mass meeting was held at Warsaw's victory monument. The newspapers, oblivious of what they had written in the past, devoted many laudatory articles to the insurrection.

This new reading of history, less than a month after General Moczar was made an alternate member of the Politburo, is an indication of the rising importance of the general's patriotic line.

Seen in long-range perspective, the official commemoration of the start of the Warsaw uprising means that the Poles no longer accept the Soviet version of their history.

Coming after the commemoration in June of the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the Polish state in 1918, and of the public tribute paid to Marshal Jozef Pilsudski who defeated the Soviets at the gates of Warsaw in 1920, it marks an awakening of Polish self-respect.

Both the 1944 uprising and Marshal Pilsudski's career revive memories of antagonism between Poland and Russia. The commemorations therefore spell an emancipation of Poland from Soviet tutelage. They are one more sign of Eastern Europe's changing relations with Moscow.

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The Home Forum

The legacy of the ice

Twelve thousand years ago by carbon 14 dating, this beautiful and majestic fjord (Somes Sound, on Mt. Desert Island)—the only fjord in Maine, or indeed on America's east coast — lay buried beneath a mile-deep mantle of ice.

For 50,000 years the ice had been there, after its slow, inexorable advance out of the north. Then suddenly it began to melt.

Why it came, and why eventually it departed, is still imperfectly understood. All that is certain is that the climate grew colder, so that the winter snows did not melt. The snowfields, deepening and spreading, compacted into ice. Gradually the towering white wall crept southward from the Arctic to the latitude of New York City. Along the New England coast it pushed out over the shoreline and broke off in bergs as it does in parts of Greenland today. The shore itself lay 80 miles farther out then than now; so vast was the volume of water imprisoned in the ice caps that the surface of the world's oceans had sunk 200 feet.

So the fjord lay landlocked and buried for 50,000 years. Then the climate began to turn warm again. The ice started to retreat.

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It was a slow retreat at first—some 350 feet a year. But as the temperature rose the pace of withdrawal quickened. Torrents of water in huge rivers raced to the sea. Little by little the ravaged face of the earth was laid bare.

The ice was gone, but it had left an indelible mark upon the land. Hills and mountains were rounded off as if by some gigantic emery wheel. U-shaped troughs lay where V-shaped river valleys once had been. And the loam, the rich topsoil which had accumulated for hundreds of thousands of years, had all but vanished. The ice had scraped it off, pushing it along like a monstrous slow-motion bulldozer, and dumped it into the sea. (Long Island, New York, is a terminal moraine.) Small wonder that the New England farmer has had a proverbially hard time making a living.

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Gazing now across the glittering expanse of Somes Sound to the sheer rock wall rising 680 feet above the water, one tries to imagine how it all looked after the ice had gone, and before the sea returned. Filled at first with fresh water from the melting ice, the fjord eventually must have dried up—a sunken wilderness of polished boulders, gravel, and ice-scoured ledges—until, centuries later, the salt tides spilled over the sill of rock at the entrance. At that spot today there is 34 feet of water.

The 2,000-year convalescence of the fjord following its 50,000-year illness must have presented a rough parallel, greatly speeded up, to the age-long process by which life first left the primeval seas and spread over the land masses of our planet. One can imagine the first traces of green appearing around the rain pools and meltwater lakes and ponds —Arctic lichens, perhaps, following the ice northward. Then the cold-country trees such as fir and spruce. And finally the birches, maples, beeches and other deciduous trees of the temperate climates. With them came blueberry, heather, cranberry and a multitude of hardy shrubs, bushes and wild flowers.

As the plants spread over the earth they brought with them a rich and variegated fauna. Deer, black bears, moose, raccoons, squirrels and chipmunks filled the woods. Moose and bears are seldom seen now, but they once were plentiful. The smaller mammals along the fjord actually have increased in numbers with the coming of man, for it was not until the building of the highway bridge that they had free access to Mt. Desert Island. And man also has provided, more or less unintentionally, additional suplies of food for the wild creatures.

Our garbage pail used to be overturned and opened nightly by raccoons, sometimes even dragged into the woods for inspection. Eventually we took to wrapping the choicer delicacies loosely in aluminum foil and placing them in the open — a sort of sylvan curb service. Our family of resident raccoons, whom we have heard but never seen, we number among our most valued neighbors.

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Deer live in the woods, and occasionally venture into gardens. I shall never forget one day at dusk as I was driving along the road to Northeast Harbor. I had just switched on my lights when I saw four deer some fifty yards ahead — a buck, a doe, and two fawns. For an instant they stood transfixed, their eyes glowing like small golden mirrors. Then, daintily and unhurriedly, they continued across the way.

Red squirrels and chipmunks call regularly at our bird feeders, waxing fat on the rain of sunflower seed from above. As to the birds themselves, there seems no end to their number and variety. The more gregarious among them, the chickadees, nuthatches and purple finches that all day long weave swift skeins of flight about our feeders, seem almost like personal friends. Indeed, we are able at times to convince ourselves that we can recognize certain individuals. Above the fjord, and wheeling about the tidal flats, the self-sufficient gulls fly endlessly, searching for mussels or offal from passing lobster boats. Sometimes one will see an osprey winging heavily homeward with a fish, to the excitement of budding bird-watchers who think they have a bald eagle in their sights. Our national bird does, however, make an occasional state appearance.

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Beneath the waters of the fjord, also, life abounds. Here the lobster is king, and there is scarcely a moment from dawn to dusk when one cannot see a lobsterman checking his pots. In the more shallow spots broad fields of mussels are exposed at low tide. Seaweed grows on the submerged rocks, floating like golden hair. Friendly porpoises occasionally drop in, sporting about the many sailing craft. (Motor boats they seem politely to avoid; perhaps it is the smell.) And on red-letter days one may see a seal.

One radiant evening when the water was like glass I rowed out to the center of the fjord and sat as if suspended in midair between sky and sea. To the west the great cliff rose purple against the sunset. It was a moment of perfect tranquillity and peace. Then in the stillness I heard a faint splash. I looked around; and there, observing me quietly from a short distance, was a pair of seals. For a full minute we gazed at one another. Then, with an almost audible "Come, Henry!" their heads disappeared.

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Every year the fjord relives like a troubled memory a little of its catastrophic past. As the sun moves south the ice creeps out from shore; last winter, an unusually severe one, the fjord froze all the way across. But on the whole the climate seems to be growing warmer; we probably are still emerging from the last glaciation. To put it more precisely, we may be emerging from the last of a series of four great glaciations which, with their warm interglacial periods, spanned the last million years. This, however, is only a brief interval in the 4,000-million-year history of the earth. There is good evidence that for most of its long lifetime the climate of the earth has been considerably warmer than it is today.

Perhaps we are in process of returning more or less permanently to our normal state. It took 2,000 years for the ice to retreat from Maine to Greenland. Possibly in the next 2,000 the ice sheets in Greenland and the Antarctic also will melt away. If this occurs, the level of the global sea will rise another 200 feet. Boston, New York, London, Rome, Tokyo—virtually all of the world's great cities—will be drowned.

But the fjord, though diminished, will remain. Something of its grandeur may be lost; St. Sauveur will tower only 480 feet above mean high water instead of 680. This will be regrettable, but not disastrous. For this wild, stern beauty of windswept rock and water cannot fade. Though the climate grow warm as Guinea, no jungle will mat these naked granite heights. The legacy of the ice is eternal.

GRANVILLE E. TOOGOOD

Mr. Toogood, a Haverford College graduate, went from college into newspaper work and free-lance writing. He authored two published novels, "Huntsman in the Sky" (1930) and "The Shadow of a Cloud" (1933), as well as numerous magazine stories and articles, before entering the business world. Now that he has retired from business, he has taken up writing again. He describes himself as an amateur geologist and a compulsive reader and record collector. He makes his home in Philadelphia, but spends his summers in Mt. Desert Island, Maine.

By courtesy of the Newark Museum, Newark, N.J.

"MT. KATAHDIN, FIRST SNOW, No. 2": *Oil by Marsden Hartley (1877-1943)*

Mt. Katahdin furnished Hartley with an endless subject for his painting; he pictured it in winter, tipped with its first snow; later, with a heavy burden of white; in autumn, rising like a midnight-blue cloud above a russet shore; in summer, green with shrub and pine; and in the lucent spring. He, like other artists of his decade (his last ten years were the most fruitful), clung to the regionalism of Maine, yet amplified it with contemporary concepts gleaned from Cézanne and the Fauves.

That Marsden Hartley developed a genuine individuality is evident in the stark majesty of mountain, bold cloud forms, and massed pines. His Fauve tendencies were inborn, natural to him, and liberated color laid on in powerful strokes was vital to his style. He had dipped into abstraction in European study, but eventually he returned to his own land because, like many Maine painters, he felt himself rooted in that state.

He put his feelings clearly when he said: "The Androscoggin, the Kennebec, and the Penobscot flow down to the sea as solemnly as ever, and the numberless inland lakes harbor the loon, and give rest to the angles of geese making south or north according to season, and the black bears roam over the mountain tops as usual.

"Nativeness is built of such primitive things, and whatever is one's nativeness, one holds and never loses no matter how far afield the traveling may be." ("Maine and Its Role in American Art, 1740-1963," Viking Press, 1963.)

"Mt. Katahdin, First Snow, No. 2," seen here, is in the collection of the Newark Museum, Newark, N.J.

PATRICIA BOYD WILSON

Man's wonderful uniqueness

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Not long ago a man captured and catalogued thousands of snowflakes and found that each had a different design. This did not indicate that the essential chemical elements of one snowflake differ from those of another but that the design of each is unique.

The increasing mechanization today may cause one to think that the modern way of living is becoming so computerized that one's very individuality is threatened. But Christian Science teaches that although all men are basically spiritual — composed of the same spiritual elements, the qualities of divine Spirit — still each is individual as a unique expression of God.

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The Scriptures describe God not only as Spirit but also as Life and Love, and Christ Jesus taught man's at-one-ment with Deity. Jesus' perception of the true nature of man in the likeness of God was the basis of his great works of casting out sickness, sin, and death. He once prayed (John 17:22), "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." The Master also recognized man's individuality, which his disciple John pointed to in these words: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God" (I John 3:1).

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, which amplifies Bible teachings, explains in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" that God is All and therefore must be the source of all true individuality. She says on page 517: "The world believes in many persons; but if God is personal, there is but one person, because there is but one God. His personality can only be reflected, not transmitted." Writing further along this line, she states: "Even eternity can never reveal the whole of God, since there is no limit to infinitude or to its reflections."

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The glorious part about man's spiritual individuality as the expression, or reflection, of God is that man's native loving-kindness, beauty, intelligence, and ability can never become mechanized, obsolete, unwanted, or inactive. God, Love, eternally utilizes all creation to express Himself in fresh, unique ways.

The writer once had charge of a paint department in a large variety store. A slight slump in business followed the termination of the Korean War. Some of the many landlords who patronized her department were having a difficult time renting their homes or apartments. She noted that when buying paint they seemed to have no perception of color relationships and no imagination in decorating.

Wanting to help them and to move colors that were not in demand, she began to reason along spiritual lines. She acknowledged that she was in truth an individual spiritual reflection of God, not a mortal, and that the understanding of this fact enabled her to present her line of paint in an interesting, helpful way to her customers. She also prayerfully endeavored to see all people as individual expressions of God, reflecting divine originality, inspiration, and beauty.

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The thought then came to study the better class of home-decorating magazines. She was surprised to note that many of the room colors pictured were similar to the paint colors she carried, including the hues she hadn't been able to sell. She made a large scrapbook of the color pictures from these magazines and under each illustration printed the colors she handled. Customers studied her scrapbook for new color schemes, and many were inspired to improve on their usual color combinations.

The end result was twofold. Paint sales picked up, and her customers began having more success renting their property. Soon every color on the shelves was utilized.

She had proved that in proportion as one recognizes the true nature and uniqueness of man, he is able to express his own God-given individuality and unique talents here and now and also help others.

[Elsewhere on the page may be found a translation of this article in Swedish. Once a month an article on Christian Science appears in a Swedish translation.]

Weaver

She wove a web of silken subtlety,
Plying all day the warp and woof of it.
It was the mirror of her inner eye,
And spoke of wonders in a private script.

She figured forth her secret universe
In common things, in plain things seen aslant:
A wren became a bird uniquely hers;
An oak became a wild exotic plant.

Not that she wove with rich embellishing.
She wrought essentials, simple and direct.
A lift of branch, a certain flickering
Of feathers, gave her fabric its effect.

Her weaving done she shook it out to view—
Her oaks struck root, her wrens took wing and flew.

VICTOR HOWES

Varje människa är underbart säregen

[This is a Swedish translation of "Man's wonderful uniqueness," appearing on this page]

Översättning av den religiösa artikel, som finns på engelska på denna sida
[En svensk översättning förekommer på denna sida en gång i månaden]

För inte så länge sedan fångade en man tusentals snöflingor och katalogiserade dem. Han fann därvid att var och en hade sitt eget mönster. Detta betydde inte att de kemiska beståndsdelarna i en snöflinga var olika de andras, men att var och en hade ett mönster som var unikt.

Den alltmer ökade mekaniseringen i våra dagar kanske får oss att tro, att nutidens levnadssätt håller på att bli så styrt av datamaskiner att själva vår individualitet är i fara. Men Kristen Vetenskap* lär att fastän alla människor till sin natur är andliga — består av samma andliga grundelement, den gudomliga Andens egenskaper — är de likväl individuella, var och en ett säreget uttryck för Gud.

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Bibeln beskriver Gud inte endast som Ande utan också som Liv och Kärlek, och Kristus Jesus lärde att människan är ett med Gudomen. Jesu förmåga att se människans sanna natur såsom Guds avbild låg till grund för hans underbara verk att fördriva sjukdom, synd och död. När han vid ett tillfälle bad sade han (Johannes 17:22): "Den härlighet som du har givit åt mig, den har jag givit åt dem, för att de skola vara ett, såsom vi äro ett." Mästaren såg också människans individualitet, vilken hans lärjunge Johannes syftade på då han sade: "Sen vilken kärlek Fadern har bevisat oss därmed att vi få kallas Guds barn" (Johannes första brev 3:1).

Mary Baker Eddy, som upptäckte och grundade Kristen Vetenskap — som utvecklar Bibelns lära — förklarar i "Vetenskap och hälsa med nyckel till Skriften" att Gud är Allt och att Han därför måste vara källan till all sann individualitet. Hon säger på sidan 517: "Världen tror på en mångfald av personer; men om Gud är personlig, finns det endast *en* person, emedan det endast finns *en* Gud. Hans personlighet kan endast återspeglas, icke överföras." Hon fortsätter samma tankegång: "Inte ens evigheten kan någonsin uppenbara allt vad Gud är, eftersom det ej finns någon gräns för oändligheten eller för dess återspeglingar."

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Det härliga med människans andliga individualitet såsom uttrycket för eller återspeglingen av Gud är att människans naturliga godhet, skönhet, intelligens och förmåga aldrig kan bli mekaniserade, föråldrade, överflödiga eller inaktiva. Gud, Kärleken, begagnar sig i evighet av hela skapelsen för att uttrycka Sig själv på nya, unika sätt.

Jag förestod en gång färgavdelningen i ett stort varuhus. En viss depression inom affärslivet inträffade efter Koreakrigets slut. Några av de många hyresvärdar som var ständiga kunder i min avdelning hade svårt att få sina hus och våningar uthyrda. Jag lade märke till att när de köpte färg tycktes de inte ha något öga för färgkombinationer och ingen fantasi i fråga om inredning.

Då jag ville hjälpa dem och dessutom ville få omsättning på färger som inte var efterfrågade, började jag resonera efter andliga linjer. Jag gjorde klart för mig att jag i verkligheten var en individuell andlig återspegling av Gud, inte en dödlig varelse, och att jag genom att förstå detta blev i stånd att tala om mina färger på ett sätt som var intressant och till hjälp för mina kunder. Under det jag bad bemödade jag mig också att se alla människor som individuella uttryck för Gud, vilka återspeglade gudomlig originalitet, inspiration och skönhet.

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Sedan föll det mig in att studera de bästa tidskrifterna om heminredning. Med förvåning märkte jag att många av de färger som de avbildade rummen var målade i liknade de färger som jag förde, också de färger som jag inte hade lyckats sälja. Jag klippte ur färgbilderna i dessa tidskrifter och gjorde i ordning ett stort album, och under varje bild angav jag de färger som jag förde. Kunderna studerade mitt album för att finna nya färgskalor och många inspirerades till bättre färgkombinationer än de tidigare hade använt.

Slutresultatet blev tvåfaldigt: det blev ett uppsving i försäljningen av färger och kunderna började ha större framgång med att hyra ut sina lägenheter. Snart kom alla färgerna på hyllorna till användning.

Jag hade bevisat att i den utsträckning som vi förstår människans sanna natur och det säregna hos var och en, kan vi uttrycka vår egen av Gud givna individualitet och våra särskilda talanger här och nu, och vi kan dessutom hjälpa andra.

*Christian Science: uttalas kri'stjen sai'ens.

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Homeward toward the hills.

Night air streams by me
cool as green lime-juice,
the car
spreading its wake of noise
down each empty street.

Somewhere else these people are . . .
I know where I am:
out on the moonsplashed summer night
doffing my lights to cars
that make a kind of sighing as they pass.

A fog-quilt from the sea is drifting in
and a city drifting to sleep.
The way home
leads toward the hills; I will be there
before the fog puts out the last star's light.

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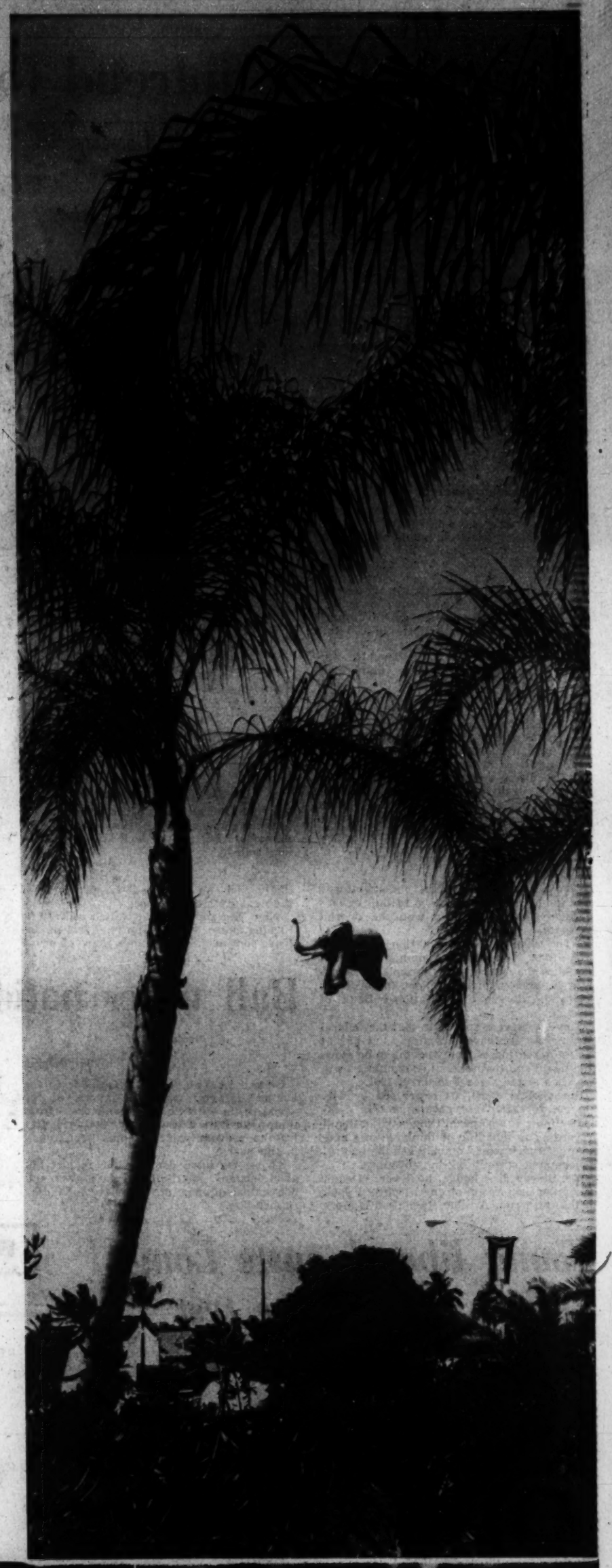

Mission at Miami Beach

Picking 'the man who'

Once every four years the American presidential-nominating extravaganzas convene. Out of the hoopla, hysteria, and hard-nosed wheeling and dealing that mark these improbable goings on comes "the man who."

Each time it happens, grown men and women — conservative, middle-roader, and liberal alike — toss propriety to the winds and throw themselves with single-minded dedication into the task of choosing a champion.

The process for selecting a man to fill the most powerful office on earth is incredible — perhaps even to some of the participants. Yet it generally seems to work.

Here are a few of this week's "happenings" at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

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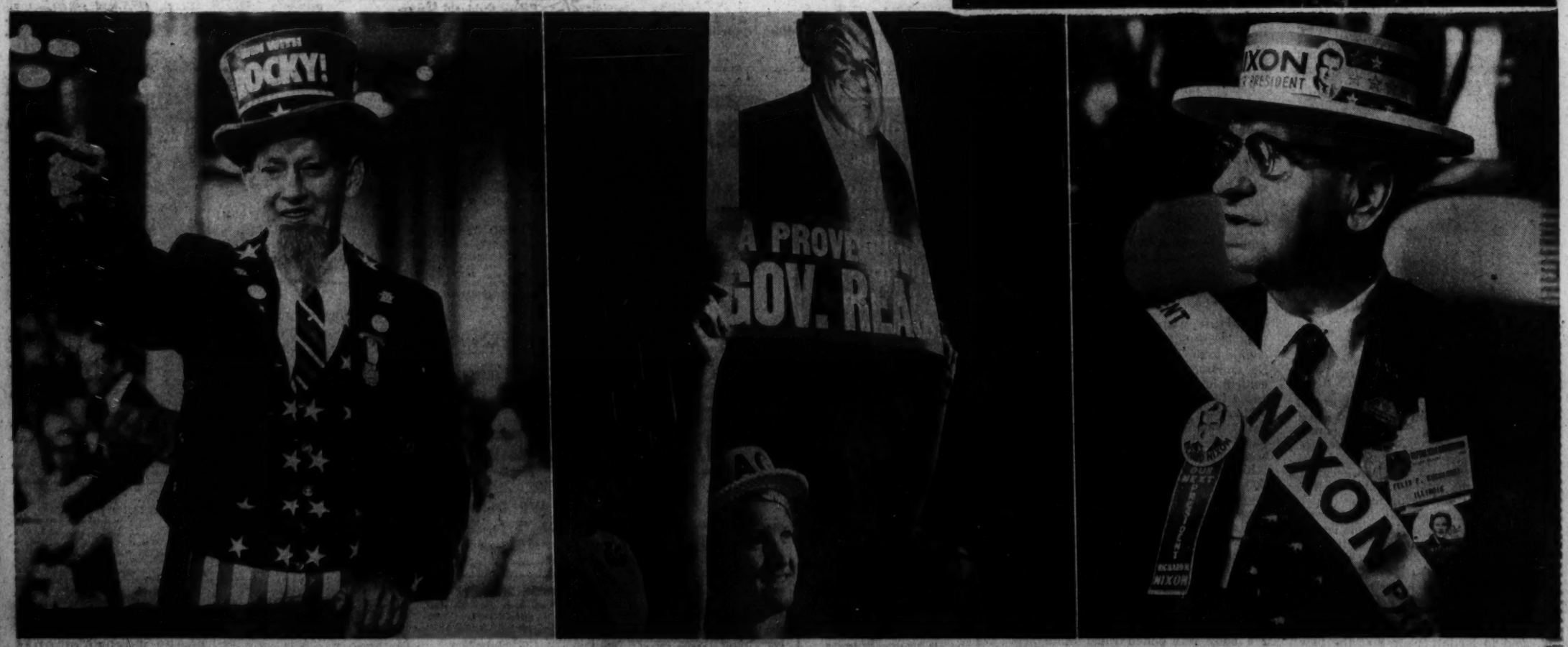


Comes a pause in the day's preoccupations that is known as the Delegates' Hour

New England uptrend forecast

By Ian D. Burman,
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Boston

More workers have been tramping into New England plants and offices this year than ever before.

And economists expect the long-run upward trend in employment to continue as the region's economy keeps growing.

Central to that forecast, which was universally endorsed by economists contacted by this newspaper, is a boom in much of the nonmanufacturing part of the economy of the six New England states — wholesale and retail trade, the insurance industry, and the service industries.

The accompanying chart shows that most of the growth in numbers of nonfarm workers in recent years came not in manufacturing plants but in offices, stores, and laboratories. Even if manufacturing only holds its own, New England's economic growth over the next 5-10 years is practically assured.

Prospects encouraging

But prospects for manufacturing as well look bright over the long run.

Employment in textile plants has dropped over the last few years, and the leather-industry labor force has been about constant.

But the number of workers in the electrical machinery, of which electronics is both the major and the growth segment, jumped from 161,000 in May, 1962, to 191,000 this last May.

In the same period employment in machinery manufacturing other than electrical rose from 158,000 to 175,000. Transportation-equipment manufacturing plants increased their employees from 108,000 to 141,000 over the four-year stretch. And metal products manufacturing employment rose from 99,000 to 116,000.

That pattern of strength in durable-goods manufacturing and either stagnation or decline in soft-goods manufacturing may linger for the next couple of years. The net result will probably be moderate growth in the manufacturing portion of New England's economy.

Better mix cited

The future for both the manufacturing and nonmanufacturing parts of the region's economy hinges on how well the overall national economy does.

"The region follows the nation pretty well now that it has an economic mix that matches the nation better," explains Benjamin F. Stacey, vice-president for business research at the First National Bank of Boston.

Some observers speculate that the federal income-tax surcharge, coming as it has at a time when the economy seems to be slowing, could end the national economic growth that has lasted since February, 1961.

But another view, as expressed by Mr. Stacey, is that "any government is committed now to not permitting a recession." According to that line of thinking, any economic setback would quickly see the federal government stimulating the economy.

Mr. Stacey does hedge, however. "I can't see great factors of strength when I look at the short run. A table stagnation is more likely than an advance," he predicts for the next six months or so.

New England economy watchers will be turning sharp eyes on future levels of defense contracts. The region's share of prime defense contracts during the four quarters ending with this year's first quarter was 11.5 percent. That was larger than New England's 7 percent portion of the nation's manufacturing as measured in value added. The figures show New England industry's more than normal reliance on military spending.

When the United States' role in Vietnam grew suddenly after 1964, New England manufacturing felt the impact. Electronics and transportation equipment manufacturing, especially, set the pace in 1965-66.

Impact gauged

Should the war end suddenly and Vietnam spending slacken, those industries would be tested. But industry officials have high hopes that demand in the civilian economy will take up any slack. It should be noted, however, that during the 18 months ending in April electronics and transportation-equipment manufacturing barely moved ahead.

On the other hand, defense research and development, which has had to take a back seat to war demands, may feed money into electronics after the war's end.

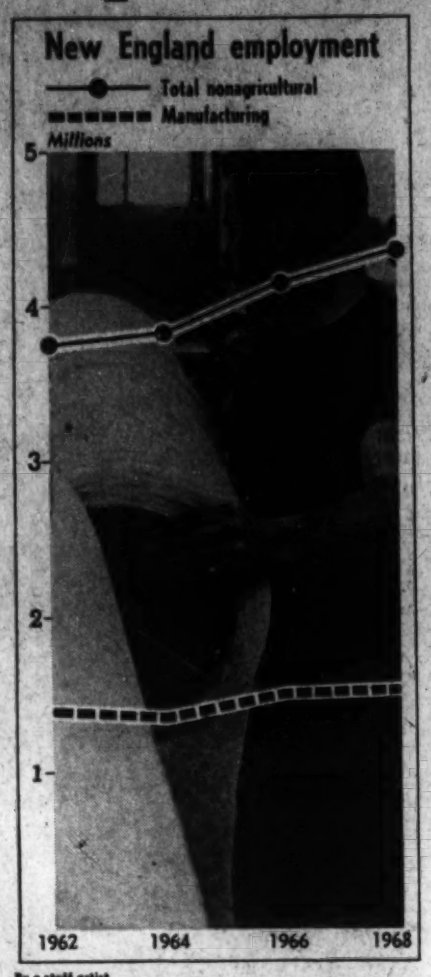
Edwin Estle, industrial economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, summarizes, "If a drop in defense spending isn't too deep and sharp, then I would think we have a potential for good, steady growth."

Electronics has given New England industry the chief promise of growth in manufacturing in recent years. A few electronics firms have been hurt this year as some government research programs have been cut back. And more cuts may come as economizers look for places to trim the federal budget.

But harm so far has been largely restricted to companies dependent on single programs. Most of the larger firms can weather reductions more easily. As a spokesman for a major company commented, "We have our eggs in two or three baskets."

New England is naturally attractive to electronics firms. It has the academic strength to support the 548 private industrial research laboratories that feed new technology into manufacturing. And its universities provide the stimulating atmosphere to attract and hold the needed technical personnel.

Given a reasonably favorable national economy, electronics should continue to provide a chief spur to New England's continued economic expansion.



By a staff artist

Where the action is

Mostly in the nonmanufacturing part of the New England economy. But prospects for manufacturing as well look bright over the long run.

Gaps still hinder New England gun laws

First of four articles on gun-control legislation in New England — pressures for and against, current action, and the regional nature of the issue.

By a staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Boston

Massachusetts has tightened a gun-control law that already is one of the toughest in the United States and among the strictest in New England.

Even so, State Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson acknowledges that control of firearms in New England is an interstate matter, with the Bay State's three northern neighbors — Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont—forming the weak links of the regional control chain.

A revised Massachusetts law, passed by the 1968 Legislature, comes very close to the "model" act drafted by a national group under Mr. Richardson's leadership.

At a recent meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General, he cosponsored a resolution which formed a committee to draft a model state gun-control act. That proposed legislation was released by Mr. Richardson at a press conference recently.

But he says more gun-control legislation in Massachusetts "will add comparatively little to public protection" in the state.

"Even the strictest of state gun laws is of little value if guns are easily available in neighboring states," he said. "It is more important to us what happens now in other states."

"If we could get the other New England states to pass this act," he continued, "we would be way ahead." But that is expected to be no simple task.

To the south, Rhode Island and Connecticut have gun laws as stiff as the Massachusetts law. Neither state requires registration of firearms, but both require purchasers of handguns to wait several days before taking possession while their police records are checked. In addition, Rhode Island requires a permit to purchase or carry a handgun. Sales to nonresidents are prohibited by both states.

On the other hand, Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire have some of the weakest gun laws in the country, and they have a noticeable effect on crime in the Bay State, the Attorney General said.

"State police estimate that 87 percent of all firearms used in crimes come from outside the state," Mr. Richardson said, adding that the "great bulk" are purchased in northern New England.

It was too late for Mr. Richardson to introduce the model act into the Legislature this session, but on the last day before prorogation, legislators passed a recodification of the state's gun law which Mr. Richardson said "contained the substance" of the model-act provisions.

It included:

- Licensing of all persons who wish to carry or possess firearms. This gets around requiring of all guns, some of which were not manufactured with serial numbers. New guns, however, will be registered.
- Issuance of firearms identification cards to those who own or possess firearms. These will have to be produced for dealers when every purchase of ammunition is made.
- Serial numbers on all firearms manufactured and sold in Massachusetts. Mr. Richardson said he feels this will have a nationwide impact since several gun manufacturers have their plants in the Bay State and it is a major market that will not be disregarded.

The Attorney General said the model act does not immediately require registration of all firearms. "It requires every gun owner to get a license, but it does not license every gun," he said. "Then it requires registration of all new guns sold."

"Practically, we have gone as far as we can go," he explained. Many rifles and shotguns now in use do not have serial numbers, and with 55 million firearms in civilian hands, stamping numbers on all of them would be impossible."

Next: Maine — representative of rural feelings.

Cobblestones 'glued' down

By Reuters

Paris

The cobbled streets of the Paris Latin Quarter are being covered with asphalt.

The move follows the country's "May revolution" in which cobblestones ripped from the picturesque old streets were a major weapon of student rioters.

Already streets running past the Sorbonne University have smooth new black surfaces. But there was no official word on how many would get the new "nonrevolutionary" look before the students return to school in the autumn.

Ball urges nations to find 'better way' to prevent war

By the Associated Press

Philadelphia

George W. Ball, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, says the nations of the world, if they are to save themselves from their own infirmities, must "find a better way to prevent war than has been found in the past."

"What we have done so far is just not good enough," Mr. Ball told the 91st annual convention dinner of the American Bar Association.

The former Undersecretary of State who recently succeeded Arthur J. Goldberg as permanent UN representative gave a scholarly, and somewhat leisurely, summary of the progress of world peace in the 20th century and the failures that came between wars.

Mr. Ball said in its cities, the United States has "been far from gloriously successful . . . in stopping riots and looting and all the variant forms of murder."

But he mused, while taking another look, that the scene "is not totally discouraging," that "progress has been made—more, sometimes, than is realized—and we should never forget that optimism is the only self-respecting hypothesis for civilized man."

He also urged a continued "tough-mindedness—the ability to look at things as they are and not to confuse them with what they ought to be; the ability to look at things as they ought to be and not be content with what they are."

In this guise, Mr. Ball declared he even found "the odious antics of our younger generation" not altogether deplorable.

"With their flowers and long hair, and their allergy to soap and water, they are symbols both of unease and dissent," Mr. Ball said. "And if that dissent can ever be focused on the hard, humorless tasks of recasting our arrangements for world order, we may find opinion more receptive to the concepts of universalism which have so long held the promise of a more secure world society."

Young liberal ousts Long in Missouri Senate test

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

St. Louis

Lt. Gov. Thomas F. Eagleton, a young liberal of the Kennedy stamp, has narrowly defeated incumbent Edward V. Long for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator from Missouri.

Mr. Eagleton led 205,078 to 186,286 with most of the state's precincts reporting.

St. Joseph millionaire True Davis, who poured hundreds of thousands of his own dollars—some say $1 million—into the campaign, was third with 162,261 votes. Mr. Davis, virtually unknown in much of the state before the race, spent money on a scale never seen here before and pitched his appeals along frankly conservative lines.

He is a former Ambassador to Switzerland and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Senator Long, who had never before lost an election in a political career that began in 1936, was hurt by stories in Life magazine which questioned his dealings with St. Louis criminal attorney Morris Shenker and labor leaders.

Investigation pending

During his eight years as Senator, the banker-lawyer specialized in helping constituents who had problems with the federal government and in attacking "snoopers" in the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies.

Long supporters blamed the IRS for most of his bad publicity in Life. An investigation of the magazine's charges is still pending in the Senate Ethics Committee.

Senator Long campaigned for his second full term (he was appointed in 1960 on the passing of Thomas C. Hennings) by citing his past services to constituents and his record as a defender of the citizen's right of privacy.

Mr. Eagleton, handsome and articulate, is a graduate of Harvard Law School. He maintained his own unbeaten record as a candidate.

The most poorly financed of three well-financed candidates, he relied on a combination of a personal organization of boosters outstate and the services of Matt Reece, professional political adviser, in the metropolitan areas.

Governor wins

He came out early this year for an ending to the bombing in North Vietnam. He endorsed President Johnson's gun-control legislation, and he has long opposed the death penalty.

Missouri Gov. Warren E. Hearnes easily won nomination for his second four-year term, defeating two little-known opponents.

In November, he will face St. Louis County Supervisor Larwence K. Roos, who won the Republican nomination over two unknowns.

Missouri seems assured of sending its first Negro to Congress in November. Democrat William Clay and Republican Curtis Crawford, both St. Louis Negroes, were nominated in the First Congressional District.

What is believed to be the longest record of service in an American legislative body was ended when State Sen. Michael Kinney of St. Louis who became a senator in 1913, was defeated by a young Negro lawyer, Raymond Howard.

Air reservations by computer eyed

By the Associated Press

Washington

The scheduled airlines have approved in principle a new system to provide travel agents with split-second data on available seats on all airlines.

The Air Transport Association is polling its 29 member airlines on use of the new network, called ATARS—for Automated Travel Agency Reservation System.

Several airlines already have approved it, and responses from all are expected by Sept. 1. An association spokesman said adoption of the system is a foregone conclusion, since approval is required by only 10 airlines, if they represent at least half of the total available traffic.

Thereafter it will be up to the owner and operator of the network ATAR Computer Systems, Inc., of Los Angeles, to obtain customers from among the nation's 2,500 travel agents.

The result could be a $32 million order for IBM, which will provide the computers and associated equipment.

Leonard Klarich, founder of ATARS and now its vice-president for marketing, said in an interview that the new system would provide a travel agent in his office information on the availability of space on any airline flight.

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Pilgrimage of a playwright

The Burning Glass, by S. N. Behrman. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. $6.95.

By John Beaufort

Although "The Burning Glass" turns the calendar back to 1937 and the years immediately following, it by no means lacks timeliness. Prejudice is as old as sin and wears as many faces; yesterday's anti-Semite is today's white racist.

Early in the book, Austrian Nazis paint a midnight swastika on the lawn of a partly Jewish actress. Other manifestations range from an incidental character with a reputation for becoming "blatantly anti-Semitic when drunk," and a Prussian officer who prefers Jewish mistresses, to a distinguished international lawyer of whom his Jewish friend says: "He keeps forgetting, he said, that I'm Jewish because I'm so different." Yet prejudice is only the sub-theme of the story.

The plot of Mr. Behrman's first and well-made novel concerns a callow playright from Ohio whose overnight Broadway success leads to a period of floundering uncertainty and personal crisis. The story gathers momentum at Salzburg during festival time. Under the ominous shadow of Berchtesgaden (named after the humanity-hating fairy, Berchta), Stanley Grant plunges awkwardly into a sophisticated literary-theatrical milieu of central Europe. It is a world in which he feels alien and ill at ease; thus he joins that already large company of American innocents abroad.

Ironic interchange

Stanley is more nonhero than antihero. The product of an immigrant Jewish background, this tall, gangling young Midwesterner has abandoned the faith and the name of his fathers. (The vague idea of Stanley the explorer and General Grant appealed to his adolescently hopeful pride!) Hence, Mr. Behrman creates a double identity crisis—an alienated Jewish American in search of himself both as individual and artist.

By a novelist's irony, the adoring young gentile whom Stanley marries (when he learns she is to bear his child) grasps at the Judaic concepts he has repudiated. With the mutual realization that their marriage won't last, Eileen Grant decides to go with her child and a more congenial mate to the as yet unfounded state of Israel.

Marriage is but one of several ill-starred relationships in which Stanley becomes involved. In one way or another, the human objects of his casual attachment, friendship, esteem, and desire drop out of his life. His test comes when he is left alone. And though he is far from achieving the defiance of Ibsen's Dr. Stockman ("the strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone"), solitary Stanley does at least begin to pull himself together with some dignity and resolution.

Near the end of the book, Kaetchen Löwe—the benign confidante at one time or another of most of the principal characters—writes of Stanley:

Self-discovery

"He is at the mercy of every wind that blows: he is amorphous. . . . He was a yokel when I met him; he is a yokel still. His sense of inferiority expresses itself in bravado. He will go to the party tonight and know to the full what Clough, I believe, calls 'the horrible pleasure of pleasing the unintelligent.' But there's something sad about him. He's better than that. His hollow bravado doesn't persuade him, his shallow triumphs stick ashen in his throat."

Wretched, mixed-up, susceptible, clumsily amorous Stanley. It seems that all he has is talent. Despite his romantic and marital failures, he doggedly pursues his craft (which is often the way writers survive).

And Mr. Behrman does make the reader feel what it can be like to be a writer. With the launching of his second Broadway hit (and the reading of Kaetchen's blunt comments about him), Stanley has matured sufficiently to take a first step from self-doubt to self-confidence.

His gesture of self-liberation is neither spectacular nor particularly surprising. But it convinces. The finale suits a novel whose ring of truth derives from Mr. Behrman's thorough knowledge of his field based on long experience as a successful dramatist, screen playwright, and biographer. That experience serves him well in recounting Stanley's adventures among the talented, the rich, the doomed, the thwarted, and the flawed who live at the center or on the outskirts of the theater world. From his Hollywood sojourns, Mr. Behrman has recollected several highly amusing episodes of the film colony at work and play. And though his theater metier has been comedy, Mr. Behrman allows himself several melodramatic episodes in "The Burning Glass."

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Picasso's stage set for "Le Tricorne" (1919)

All the stages are a world

BOOKS

Bartlett—a century later

New chestnuts for old

Familiar Quotations: A collection of passages, phrases and proverbs traced to their sources in ancient and modern literature, by John Bartlett. Edited by Emily Morison Beck. Boston: Little, Brown and Company. $15.

By Roderick Nordell

Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations" may not automatically come to mind as an item of summer reading. But the new Bartlett—the 14th edition, "completely revised"—arrived just as we were leaving for a vacation in an old furnished house by the ocean. And there, on a desk of vintage oak, was an only slightly mildewed copy of the edition of a hundred years ago, "entered according to act of Congress, in the year 1868, by John Bartlett, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the District of Massachusetts." It was inscribed, in that penmanship they don't hardly make any more, to a Captain Howland from "Kate."

Where are they now? — Christopher P. Cranch, T. Noon Talfourd, Sir S. Egerton Brydges, and those other authors who made it a century ago but are Bartletted no more?

Such questions may not seriously exercise the browser through the 778 small pages of the early Bartlett and the 1,750 big ones of the latest version. But, considering the way things are going these days, some of the bygone chestnuts might not have been too far out of place in the present listings:

Kane O'Hara's mortal lines, for example—"Pray, goody, please to moderate the rancour of your tongue; . . . Remember, when the judgment's weak, the prejudice is strong." Surely the old writer known as Miss Wrother had a nice 20th-century skepticism when she said: "Ah let not Hope prevail,/ Lest disappointment follow." And what could be more haunting in the latter-day affluent society than the words Thomas Moss put into the mouth of a beggar of his day: "A pampered menial drove me from the door."

However, to be honest, it was the handsome new edition that did the most business among us, attracting the children, proving that even 9-year-olds have a few half-remembered phrases that can be found and confirmed in Bartlett.

Could they look things up according to the writer's name?

Yes, they could, more than 2,000 writers.

Unfortunately, Bartlett drew a blank on the author of "Dennis the Menace." But the K's do include Jack Kerouac, Clark Kerr, and Martin Luther King Jr., just to give a hint of the new volume's up-to-dateness. Interestingly enough, according to the present editor, Emily Morison Beck, the additions include a number of authors that might have been expected long before—not only the comparatively recent Freud and Jung but Confucius, Columbus, Malory, Cotton Mather.

How did Bartlett's ever get along without them? In the earliest editions, familiarity was "the all-important question," as our seaside volume notes: "Many maxims of the most famous writers of our language, and numberless curious and happy turns from orators and poets, have knocked at the door, and it was hard to deny them. But to admit these simply on their own merits, without assurance that the general reader would readily recognize them as old friends, was aside from the purpose of this Collection."

Over the years, "their own merits," their "literary power" did become a criterion for inclusion of quotations until now, according to Miss Beck, "restraint has been necessary to keep the volume from becoming idiosyncratic or growing into an anthology."

John Bartlett's "very agreeable pursuit" has become too much for an editor or two. Expansion into special fields like science and psychiatry has required special knowledge. For the first time the editor has had "a staff of consulting scholars." Computers have helped to prepare the index.

Whatever the strengths of the other quotation books—from the caviar of "The Viking Book of Aphorisms" to the meat and potatoes of the comprehensive volumes of author or subject listings—a reference shelf would be incomplete without a Bartlett. And so would some summer vacations.

An intelligent man's moral dilemma

A Personal Matter, by Kenzaburo Oë. Translated from the Japanese by John Nathan. New York: Grove. $5.

Gazapo, by Gustavo Sainz. Translated from the Spanish by Hardie St. Martin. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux. $4.95.

By Alan Levensohn

From Tokyo and Mexico City came two novels by young writers dealing with the ironies of personal freedom and stunted lives. The difference in their setting is unimportant; neither milieu is exotically different from any large American city. The difference that matters is in the writers' emotional commitment and breadth of concern, for one of these novels is searching and mature, the other a waste of time.

Kenzaburo Oë's "A Personal Matter" is a deep perception of the contradictions within the human heart. The anguished protagonist is a 27-year-old, emotionally unsettled man whose skinny, hunched, beaked appearance has earned him the nickname Bird. Early in the novel his son, the first child of an unsatisfying marriage, is born monstrously deformed.

Tragic alternatives

Bird must make the first real decision of his life, whether or not to authorize the surgery which might save the child's life, though it would probably leave him mentally defective. The prospect of being tied for life to a retarded child is more than he can face. With the veiled encouragement of a doctor in the intensive care ward, he decides to withhold not only surgery but also food, in order to hurry his son's death.

The decision is revolting, and the basic suspense in the novel is whether Bird will change his mind before the child dies. Oë maintains the suspense, not melodramatically but with quiet compassion, through a continual presence of gestures emphasizing Bird's essential decency. Some of the gestures are as simple as his struggle to avoid looking at the child and his panic when asked to give the child a name. Others are more verbal and intellectual, since Bird is that *rara avis* in fiction, a genuinely intelligent, reflective man.

Oë's position is moral but not moralistic; his compassion embraces not only the child but Bird himself. Gently and dispassionately Oë records the gathering within Bird of his conflicting feelings of relief and shame—relief at having arranged his escape from a terrible burden which threatened his freedom, shame at having violated his own moral nature. Shame drives Bird into an erratic, tormented flight to a drunken binge, an adulterous affair, nightmares and paranoid imaginings. It drives him also to painful self-scrutiny as, in his efforts to justify himself, he feels impelled to understand why he made the decision and why he clings to it.

From deep to shallow

A moral implosion is inevitable as Bird gradually acknowledges that this driven, rootless, isolated existence is not the freedom for which he is sacrificing his son's life. What, he must ask himself, is freedom? Can it possibly lie where it seems least likely, in the acceptance of commitment and responsibility? The insight stuns him just after he has taken a last, horrible action toward infanticide—and here, alas! the novel collapses. Recoiling from a final step into tragic consciousness, Oë slaps together a sentimental, improbable ending which can gratify only those readers who have not really become involved.

Fortunately, before this denouement, Oë has broadened our concern beyond Bird to all humanity. Despite its philosophical import, the novel rarely talks out its meanings. It is a story of rapid action and interactions among a cluster of memorable characters—Bird's desolate, helpless wife; his domineering, pathetic mother-in-law; his father-in-law, a fatuous, respected professor; his mistress, a wise but lost soul; and many more—each etched with a revealing wit that approaches but never stumbles into caricature.

As Oë develops each character, he lays bare, often beneath a highly impressive surface, a stunted life. The accumulation of such characters, which makes clear Oë's somber view of mankind, has an extraordinary effect on our perception of Bird's child. The stunted existence he will probably have, if Bird allows him to live, comes to seem terribly close to the existence which Bird and the others are making for themselves. By the denouement we have come to care, not only whether Bird's child will live, but whether all men, including ourselves, are really fully alive.

Lest we take Oë's masterful accomplishment too casually, Gustavo Sainz' "Gazapo" is a forceful reminder that the same mighty theme, in lesser hands, does not produce a mighty book. Its focus is similar: a gang of college students obsessed by an urge to live freely—which to them means rebellion at home and erotic escapades—while actually living frantically shallow, repressed days and nights.

Sainz indicates the discrepancy between their craving for freedom and their stunted lives, but not its moral implications. He shares enthusiastically their assumption that nothing matters except themselves and now, thus eliminating any adult perspective, including their own future, from which their lives can be assessed.

What remains is high spirits and technical dexterity. Sainz shows cleverly the transformation, through the boys' superheated imaginations, of their simple flirtations into boastful epics of sexual exploits. A few of these *gazapos* (whoppers) are fun, but they go on and on. A girl in love with one of the boys is implicated in their *gazapos* and subjected to callous high jinks, even by her lover and even while he considers himself most in love with her. To Sainz this is hilarious.

Other emotions are treated with the same appalling gaiety, among them a mother's love for a son from whom she has long been separated, a father's humiliation and anger when he hears his daughter's reputation soiled, and an old woman's pleas for company when she is left alone for days on end. These feelings are real, and Sainz finds them ridiculous.

In writing novels there is no substitute for maturity and moral awareness. Kenzaburo Oë has both. (So too has John Nathan, who according to one authority on Japanese literature "must be the ideal translator.") Oë is deservedly one of the most honored and popular young writers in Japan. His works at age 33 already include seven other novels, and their American translation will be awaited eagerly.

What they're reading

By Pamela Marsh

Back to school

Ever since the year when every American college student seemed to take it into his head to read J. R. R. Tolkien's "Fellowship of the Ring," the experts have been waiting, wondering when the phenomenon will repeat itself.

We thought there might be signs already in the bookshops, where vacationing students are choosing what to take back to school. We called on a few stores in the college-packed Boston area. We talked to a few students too.

"Around Harvard Square," a buyer for a Cambridge bookshop said, "there's a high concentration of serious students—no beach-time readers. They want the 'Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders,' Erik Erikson's 'Identity, Youth, and Crisis,' Che Guevara's writings, 'Selected Poems of Leonard Cohen,' 'Manchild in the Promised Land' [Claude Brown]."

A salesman in a Boston paperback store was delighted to share his experiences.

"Being a student myself," he began impressively, and also listed serious far-from-Tolkien books being sold to student buyers. "Sociology. Black power crises in black and white—fiction too. No history, other fiction, nor classics. Malcolm Lowry and things like that is what we like."

Paperback popularity

Answers from buyers and sellers did not vary much. Paperback books have apparently pushed hardcovers off the students' bookshelves. The black-white issue was mentioned time and again. Norman Mailer's "Why Are We in Vietnam?"; the New American Library Review series, Kurt Vonnegut ("Cat's Cradle," "God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater") are all selling to young people.

M.I.T. students buy "2001: A Space Odyssey," by Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke.

"No politics—no politics in an election year?" we asked a buyer for a large bookstore.

"Well, two or three books on Robert Kennedy—one by, two about. McCarthy's two books, Abe Fortas' 'Concerning Dissent and Civil Disobedience.' And of course 'How to Stay Out of the Army,' J. K. Galbraith's pamphlet." Then he added that there is among student readers an interest in "a new sense of politics, personal freedom, and sense of risk."

One chain of paperback stores has sold out all its copies of Leonard Cohen's poems.

"Poetry?" we said, surprised.

"Easy poetry. Balladry stuff."

Once in a while uncertainties raise their interesting heads to delight the anti-labelers.

The student salesman suddenly adds an alien presence to his non-fiction anti-best-seller list: "Rosemary's Baby."

"Oh," we said.

Required reading

"Well," the admission was sheepish, "you can't always tell the students from the office-workers."

One buyer had a negating comment on every title he listed.

"They buy 'The Double Helix'—of course Watson [James B. Watson, the author] is right around here and they can get it autographed. Nicolson ['The Diaries and Letters of Harold Nicolson'], Russell, ['The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell']—but they are both required reading. So is John Updike's 'Couples.'"

"Oh?" we said again.

'Yes, for one course on the novel. Updike teaches it."

Then of course there was the junior we talked to who gently suggested that perhaps students, like all other human beings, don't truly fit into categories. Most of the books the booksellers cited are required reading, he said.

"Another Tolkien on the way? Too soon to tell," he thinks. Once the fall term begins "someone will ask someone else 'Have you read this?' Then people begin to think: 'that's what I'd like to read if I had a moment.'"

That is the moment, apparently, when a trend may be set into motion and another campus bestseller be swept off bookstores' shelves.

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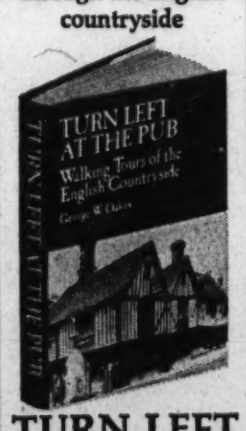

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Steeplechase mainly rhythm

By Cliff Geweckе

Sports correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Los Angeles

No American runner this season was in better condition, nor picked his races more fruitfully, than "the old desert rat," George Young, a high-school health-science teacher from Casa Grande, Ariz.

"George knows what's good for him and he does it," says one rival. "He runs when, against whom, and at what distance he prefers."

At the age of 30, when most trackmen are retired or are retiring from world-class competition, Young surprised followers of the sport by turning in an undefeated indoor season and setting several meet records.

He then ran only six outdoor races this spring. But at San Diego, Calif., he set an American record of 8m. 22s. in the two-mile. And at the National AAU championships in Sacramento, Calif., he ran the fastest-ever steeplechase by an American, 8:30.5.

'Slow-and-go' elements

For a time the press speculated that Young might attempt either the 5,000 meters or the 3,000-meter "steeple" in the Olympic Trials—or both.

But George knew all along that those flat-surface races were only tuneups, that "his" race was the steeplechase over the 28 barriers and seven water jumps, and that the 5,000 meters at Mexico City in October's Olympics might be too crowded with talent for him to capture a medal.

Young will go to Mexico City as a third-time Olympics participant in the steeplechase. He stumbled over a barrier in 1960 at Rome and lost out in the preliminaries. He finished fifth (two places from a medal) in 1964 at Tokyo.

"I'm still running because I get a great deal of personal satisfaction out of competing," says Young. "I'm doing better because I'm stronger more consistently.

"I don't think anybody will run even 8:35 at Mexico City," he added. "The winning time will be somewhere around 8:45. [Gaston] Roelants ran 8:58 in the pre-Olympics and won easily."

Since the steeplechase is a distance race, with the added elements of "slow and go" and barrier-hurdling, some persons believe it will be the most physically taxing of all track events at altitude.

"The man who is in the best condition and who has decent altitude training will win," says the 5ft. 9in., 140-pound Young, who is now working at altitude in Flagstaff, Ariz.

He might have added that energy-economizing skill in surmounting the barriers will be highly important.

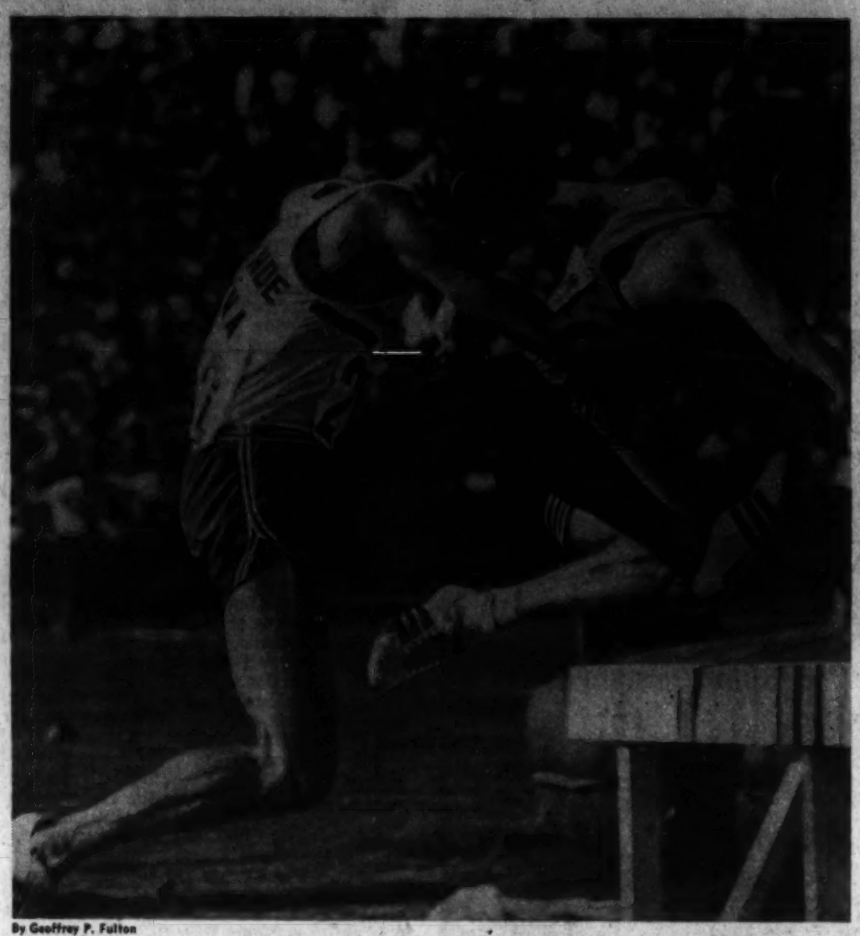
Crawls over barriers

"The steeplechase is a strength and rhythm event—mainly rhythm," says Atis (Pete) Petersons, a coach for the Southern California Striders. "You go over, recover, go over, recover. . . .

"Young is very good because he just seems to crawl over each barrier while most others are jumping them," Petersons added. "And his experience enables him to concentrate more on preparing for one big race."

If indeed its field will be "less formidable" than the 5,000 meters at the Olympic Games, the steeplechase will still have a large portion of talent: 1964 Olympic champion and world record-holder (8:26.4) Roelants of Belgium; Benjamin Kogo of Kenya; Juoko Kuha of Finland; and a greatly improved (8:29.6) Russian, Lazar Naroditskiy.

Young's chief American rival, and potential successor, is Pat Traynor, 27, whose former record of 8:32.4 George erased in the AAU meet.



By Geoffrey P. Fulton

Easy stride

Arizona school teacher George Young's seemingly effortless stride (foreground) over the steeplechase barriers has made him America's No. 1 in this 3,000-meter event and a prime Olympic medal-winning candidate.

Yet, by the 1972 Olympics Young may have a flock of "successors."

"Every year the steeplechase is attracting more quality runners," said Traynor. "This year there are 10 Americans under the Olympic steeplechase qualifying standard (8:45). Only five Americans are under the Olympic standard for 5,000 meters."

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Surprise yourself

A Series for the Thoughtful Beginner

By Allan Duffer

Golf, as we all know, can be full of surprises. So it may seem redundant to add further surprises. Yet there is one way of surprising yourself that can be thoroughly recommended. It is to play a round with a very limited number of clubs, just one, two, three or four—but no more than four.

At my golf club we have an annual competition on these lines. You get four strokes added to your handicap if you play with four clubs, six if you play with three, nine if you play with two and 12 if you play with only one club.

The surprising thing about this contest is the low scoring.

This year I played with a 5-iron and a putter. I came up with a net 67, but was simply not in the hunt. My friend Teddy Thompson, 24-handicap, made his allowance of strokes up to 36 by playing with only one club, a 5-iron too. He put in a net 61. But he did not win. He was not even second.

The winner played with four clubs. He is a 16-handicap player. He returned a gross 76, the best scoring round he has ever played. Runnerup to his net 56 was another 16-handicap man who returned a gross 79. It was, I believe, the first occasion on which he had broken 80.

All this proves pretty conclusively that in golf what is important is not so much your stance as your attitude.

With 14 clubs one ought to be able to do very much better than with 4, and much, much better than with 2 or 1. If one doesn't, it is possibly because in regular play he is using some of his clubs as a substitute for thought.

It is so easy to use the driver for driving, the wedge for pitching, the 7-iron for the shot to the green, the sandblaster to get out of the bunker. So easy every time, and so wrong much of the time!

Distance is usually of less value than direction. The running shot is often better than the shot that stops in its tracks. The proper club for the shot to the green will depend on the wind and on the arrangement of the traps. Sometimes it may pay to run the ball out of the bunker with a putter.

When you play one of these rounds with a 5-iron you soon forget about trying to get distance. You also quickly realize the advantage of keeping out of trouble. You concentrate on the shots you know you can do.

Anyone doing these things when he has his full set of clubs with him, and full set of wits, too, is bound to score very well indeed.

Much of my own surprise in our competition, using my trusty 5-iron, I played our only par-5 hole in five shots. Usually I hit my second shot into the rough, using a fairway wood, and eventually get a bogey 6—if I'm lucky. Next time out, after the contest, using all my clubs I am happy to say I got a birdie 4. I had learned something.

Then take the 18th. It was 340 yards long on the day. I hit my first 5-iron 165 yards down the middle. I aimed to hit my second over some bunkers and on to a slope that would run it down to the pin. I hit a scorcher. It cleared the traps, hit the slope and ran the ball down into a bunker pin high on the right. I took five.

My friend Ted deliberately played short of the first line of traps, pitched gently over them up to the pin and sank the putt with his same 5-iron for a par.

It makes you think.

* * *

DUFFERTHOUGHT: The spot to aim for is the spot which is itself 100 feet from any conceivable trouble and from which your next shot will be relatively easy. For approach shots this may be in front of the green, behind the green, beside the green or even on the green. Each hole is different. And each time a different decision needs to be taken on the basis of the above criteria—away from trouble and where the next shot is easy.

No. 19 in a series of 20 weekly articles. Next Thursday: "Summing up."

His actions speak louder than words

By Ed Rumill

Chief sports columnist of The Christian Science Monitor

One of the tricks of survival in this baseball-writing business is based on understanding. It is essential, at all times, to understand the other fellow's problems, and often accept and adjust to them.

Apparently Alex Johnson has a problem. What it is, no one seems to know. But the Cincinnati Reds' outfielder refuses to talk to reporters. He is as uncommunicative as any ballplayer in our time.

One of the leading hitters

But make no mistake, Johnson is a big leaguer once he puts on a Cincinnati uniform. He is one of the talented young men who will lead the Reds into pennant contention in future National League seasons. His shunning of interviews is respected here, but readers have a right to know why this column will be void of Johnson quotes.

There is very little void, however, in Johnson's bag of playing tricks.

"Don't let Alex's silence bother you," said Dave Bristol, the Cincinnati manager, when seen recently in the visiting clubhouse at Shea Stadium. "Some men are just short on words. Maybe he thinks he doesn't have anything to say.

"But what he's had here is a chance to play regularly, which he didn't get with the Phillies and Cardinals. He's always been aggressive, yet erratic in the field. The opportunity to work more regularly has made a big difference."

Johnson for weeks has been one of the leading hitters in the National League, well into .300 figures.

"Alex has helped us," Bristol continued. "If he works at his game just a little bit more, he'll improve in the field and running the bases. These are the things he needs. But only a little bit better.

"His home-run power, or lack of it, has surprised me," Dave said. "I mean, look at him. He's strong. A pitch hits him on the fist and he still gets a base hit. Other hitters get it on the fist and either break their bats or hit back to the pitcher."

But Johnson will hit home runs, because no hitter gets more weight behind the swing of the bat.

"He was built for the long ball," said Yogi Berra, one of the New York Mets' coaches. "He looks like he could squeeze sawdust out of the bat. It takes time, this finding a home-run groove. I have to think this will come with experience."

Still short of potential

Perhaps Johnson's reasons for remaining silent are hidden in his record. They have been saying nice things about his potential for more than five summers, yet not until he reached the Reds did he get a chance to play regularly.

"I frankly don't know what his problem has been," said Bristol. "I liked him the first time I saw him, while I was managing in the Pacific Coast League. And all I know is what he's done here. As I said, he's helped. And he's still short of his potential. He could be a whole lot better. I'll be disappointed if he isn't."

Always a .300-plus hitter in the minor leagues, Johnson started in the Philadelphia chain and appeared in a total of 140 games with the Phils in part of 1964 and all of '65. Of him Gene Mauch, former Phils manager, once said: "He's the fastest man in baseball down the first-base line." But why Alex was eventually traded to St. Louis is not known.

Between '66 and '67 stretches with the world-champion Cardinals, the rugged outfielder—a right-hander all the way—hit .355 for Tulsa. But when he arrived in St. Louis, he ran into such experienced outfield competition as Lou Brock, Curt Flood, Roger Maris, and Bob Tolan.

Someone in the Cincinnati clubhouse revealed that Johnson was upset because the Cardinals tried to change him at bat. He balked at the tampering, probably because he had hit .313, .329, .316, and .355 in his four minor-league campaigns. He also did .303 and .294 in his two stretches with the Phillies. Alex made four all-star teams in four tries in the minors. You can't do much better than that. The Cincinnati club obtained him from the Cardinals for Dick Simpson.

Resurgence seen in military influence on defense setup

As the Vietnam war drags on, the role of the military within the American defense establishment is in a state of flux. First of two articles.

By George W. Ashworth

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

A resurgence of military influence upon the United States defense structure is becoming apparent.

There are three main reasons for this development:

- The iron-handed control of the defense establishment started under the guidance of former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has been substantially relaxed.
- The continued rush by the Soviet Union to further its conventional and nuclear might is a cause for growing concern, particularly in Congress.
- The Paris peace talks have tended to lessen interest in the Vietnam war, with the result that renewed interest is being shown in other major areas of defense.

From late 1965 until early this year, the attentions of the Pentagon were directed almost single-mindedly toward the Vietnam war.

But because that war has cost so many billions of dollars and because the administration chose to prosecute it without causing Americans to endure a war economy, other facets of defense were drastically curtailed wherever possible to provide cash to pay for the sending of men and materiel to the war.

Traditional power bases

And, as the problems caused by this cost cutting have come to light there has occurred a concurrent increase in the U.S. intelligence community's understanding of the Soviet military threat. This dispelling of shadows has spurred alarm in some quarters.

The power base of the military establishment has traditionally been Congress, and that of the Secretary of Defense and his civilian hierarchy has been the President, the commander in chief.

Now, with a new Secretary of Defense working to improve relations with Congress and to bring about peace in Vietnam, the antagonisms of the past several years have been relaxed. Added to this is growing evidence that the new secretary shares some of the military concern over the developing military power balance.

This does not mean that the defense establishment is headed back to the situation of a decade ago in which the military had a rather free rein and in which many of the civilian leaders were without real power.

The Defense Reorganization Act of 1958 prepared the way for civilian domination. Secretary McNamara expended a great deal of his energies during his seven-year tenure taming the military. There appears virtually no chance that it could or would ever again have free rein. There are very few mavericks among the present military hierarchy, and the situation is not—nor will it be—propitious for their emergence.

But the civilian-military relationship is not yet completely firm. The broad outlines have been established firmly, but some shifting can be expected over the next several years.

The nation's military men have had a declining role during recent years in three major areas:

- Force structures — covering the organization and equipment of the armed forces, as well as their deployment. Military views in this area have been treated with interest. But, as the systematic analysis of such matters has been refined, civilian thinking, based in varying degrees upon military advice, has become supreme.
- Strategy — covering overall concepts of global defenses as well as the broad approach to the war in Vietnam.

As this relates to Vietnam, the generals have found themselves decidedly out in the cold. Their recommendations have seldom been acted upon favorably at first.

When they have gotten eventually what they sought, it has been more a matter of events catching up with their views than of approbation.

Global strategy has become more and more the province of the civilian hierarchy in the Pentagon and other governmental agencies, as well as of outside analysts. Often, military judgments have been dismissed outright as mere examples of the military wish for more and more.

- Tactics—governing field operations. As communications have improved, the ability of the highest civilians in government to directly address small naval and land units directly in the field has increased. The normal chain of command now can be more easily ignored.

Effect on Viet war?

As a result, tactics no longer remain the province of the military. The civilian influence can be seen in direct involvement in low-level operations and in equipment decisions that will have a major effect upon tactics.

Just as the military planning that went into the Cuban Bay of Pigs affair was essentially civilian, so also has been much of the day-to-day direction of the war in Vietnam.

War critics in the Pentagon argue that Vietnam has failed to prove either the efficacy of either civilian domination or a more equally shared structure.

They argue that the decisions made by civilians have brought the status of the war to a sorry state. But few are certain that the military could have done measurably better.

Representatives of the Pentagon civilian hierarchy argue that, if nothing else, civilian management of the war has made certain that the war was not widened to include the Chinese and the Soviets.

Others might argue that the military — particularly, say, the Joint Chiefs of Staff—were as interested as anybody else in keeping those nations out of the war.

The difference came in the assessment of the risk. Perhaps, critics argue, a stronger military voice might have kept the Chinese and Soviets out and resulted in a more successful effort in South Vietnam as well.

That argument may never be resolved. It is only a portion of the central question over the proper place of the military.

In recent years, the civilians and the military have been in essential disagreement over the proper place and purpose of the military.

It is indicative of this that the joint chiefs believe that they are considering a broad range of military, political, and economic ramifications when they discuss military posture and strategy.

Yet Secretary of Defense McNamara spoke acidly to congressional critics of "narrow military judgments" upon the war.

Essentially, he was correct, sources say, for the secretary was always careful to avoid seeking broad discussions from the chiefs. He sought specific answers to specific questions. Free-wheeling discussion was largely discouraged.

Signs of reversal

Since Mr. McNamara's departure, there have been signs of a renewed military influence, at least in the broad area of force structures. Secretary of Defense Clark M. Clifford has already approved a Navy request for better attack submarines to meet the Soviet submarine threat.

There are signs that the military may have, when money becomes available, a better manned bomber and a more advanced missile. Secretary Clifford is said to be sympathetic to military judgments relating to other aspects of the force structure.

There still remains the question of future military influence upon strategy and tactics.

The determining factor here will be trust. It might be said in the past that the military did not fully trust the civilian hierarchy to make correct decisions, nor did the civilians trust the military to consider all implications before making recommendations.

There are definite signs now of a closer working relationship. There will doubtless be further changes with the new administration. The result will certainly be continued civilian control, if somewhat less pervasive. Chances are strong that there will be substantially greater unity.

Next: the cracked military image.

Du Bois man keeps OEO job

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh chairman of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs apparently will keep his job with the local antipoverty program.

The board of directors of the North Side Committee on Human Resources has voted 21-13 to retain Edward Bortz, who readily admits to the chairmanship but denies it is a subversive organization.

Federal guidelines relating to the membership of employees of the program prohibit membership in organizations listed by it as subversive.

Mr. Bortz contends the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs is not on the federal list.

At an earlier meeting, the North Side board, which supervises the antipoverty program in that section of Pittsburgh, had voted 14 to 9 that "declared members of subversive organizations should be removed from the North Side Committee on Human Resources."

At that time, the board also asked for a formal ruling on whether the Du Bois organization is a subversive group.

The W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs is a controversial student organization which J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has charged is Communist controlled.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Richardson, a North Side resident, pointed out that Mr. Bortz was a member of the group and an employee of the program.

But in the latest vote, held last weekend, the North Side board voted to retain him.

Richard Ridenour, coordinator of the North Side poverty program, said the younger men on the board outvoted the older women in the group to retain Mr. Bortz.

Saturday and what's for lunch

By Beverly Drake
Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Saturday lunches for the school crowd take on a new hearty flavor for fall. The light pick-up lunches so wonderful in summer give way to something more filling when crisp autumn weather arrives. Saturday chores and strenuous outdoor sports bring on that familiar loud and clear chorus, "What's for lunch; we're starved."

If your children like to ask their friends for lunch on the spur of the moment, don't panic when you see a row of eager faces waiting at the kitchen door. Be prepared! Ingredients on hand for two or three favorite menus will prevent fussing and fretting when a busy Saturday morning rolls along and there are extra places to set at the table for the noon meal.

For variety, steer clear of sandwiches if the children tote them to school all week. When second and third helpings of a particular dish are requested, I know it's a crowd pleaser and deserves repeating often. Here are some Saturday specials that have been taste-tested by my kitchen customers. Each recipe given will serve about six hungry, hard-working youngsters.

Saturday scrambles

6 eggs
½ cup milk
1 eight-ounce package or equivalent of thin-sliced dried beef, cut into small pieces
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green pepper, chopped
3 tablespoons margarine

Melt margarine in large frying pan. Beat eggs and milk together in bowl. Add other ingredients. Pour all at once into frying pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently with large spatula or spoon. Let each person add salt and pepper individually to suit his own taste.

Red top meat loaf

2 pounds ground beef chuck
1 can undiluted mushroom soup
1 cup uncooked oatmeal or wholewheat cereal
1 large onion, chopped
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
Catchup to cover top of meat loaf

In large bowl combine all ingredients except catchup. When well mixed mold into rounded loaf on rack over broiler pan (fat drips through, but meat loaf stays moist and tasty). Pour on catchup and spread to cover meat loaf. Cook uncovered in 375 degree F. oven for about one hour or until done.

Veal and vegetables

6 veal cutlets
1 large onion, chopped
1 large green pepper, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
3 large tomatoes, chopped
3 tablespoons margarine
1 teaspoon monosodium glutamate
Salt and pepper
1 can undiluted Cheddar cheese soup

Arrange cutlets in shallow baking pan. Sprinkle on monosodium glutamate. Lightly salt and pepper. Sauté onion, pepper, celery, and tomatoes in margarine. Spoon vegetables over cutlets. Spoon on cheese soup and spread evenly over cutlets and vegetables. Bake in 375 degree F. oven for about one hour or until cutlets are thoroughly cooked and tender. If cheese browns too quickly, turn oven down after half an hour.

Fluffy rice, fried first to a rich golden brown, is a delicious complement to the preceding main course dishes. My boys call this "brown rice" and insist they don't like "white rice." Since it really is only white rice that has been browned, its name is a natural.

Brown and white rice

2 tablespoons margarine
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup long-grain white rice
1¼ cups water

Melt margarine in heavy frying pan. Add salt and rice. Cook over medium heat. Stir constantly until rice becomes a uniform golden brown. Add water gradually. Cover pan and continue cooking until all the water has been absorbed. Stir occasionally to prevent sticking.

For a quick and easy dessert, top a plain white or yellow cake (or squares of leftover cake) with a package of semisweet chocolate bits. Place in medium oven just long enough to melt chocolate. Serve warm with ice cream.

Teacher's pet

With lunch box in hand, this little girl is taking a giant step into the wide world of school. She's wearing a jaunty jumper by Russ Girl in light gray with bright yellow trim and little kick pleats.

Back to school

Feed a crowd

For Saturdays, when expecting a hungry teen-age crowd to eat about 50 sandwiches, try one of these recipes.

Each recipe uses six eight-ounce packages of American cream cheese: To prepare, beat softened cream cheese until light and fluffy and then blend in the following ingredients:

Cream cheese and bacon
½ pound bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled

Cream cheese and deviled ham
2 cans (4½ ounces each) deviled ham

Cream cheese and dried beef
2 jars (2½ ounces each) dried beef, snipped, (about 2 cups)

Besides peanut butter/jelly, there's . . .

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Mothers, are you knee-deep in peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Here are a few suggestions that will vary late summer menus and prepare you for those empty school lunch boxes:

Sardines, drained and sprinkled liberally with lemon juice, and peppered, on white bread spread with butter and a little mayonnaise.

Tuna fish, drained and sprinkled liberally with lemon juice, with chopped celery and/or chopped dill pickles, pepper, and mayonnaise, on pumpernickel bread or barbecue buns.

Hard-cooked egg, chopped, with chopped celery and capers, moistened with a little mayonnaise, on toasted corn muffins (the large flat ones).

Sliced cooked ham, on dark bread, spread thinly with a blend of currant jelly and Dijon mustard.

Cook a stewing chicken, putting plenty of carrots, celery, and onions in the stock. After cooling the chicken in the stock cut off the meat and freeze all except what is needed to make sandwiches.

A round of corned beef which has been baked like ham and sliced combines well with light or dark rye bread, and is delicious with cheese bread.

Cold roast beef, chopped pickle and celery, mustard or horseradish, and mayonnaise.

Deviled frankfurters: Mix together ½ pound frankfurters, ½ teaspoon dry mustard, 3 tablespoons sweet pickle relish, 2 tablespoons milk, and ½ cup salad dressing. Makes 6 sandwiches.

Sautéed Canadian bacon slices, thin tomato slices, and lettuce leaf.

Homemade cookies are good after-school snack

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Cookies come in a carload of varieties. If you're looking for something a little different, try some creamy chocolate sandwiches. They're delectable enough for a company dessert. Better hide them if you don't want the after-school snack brigade to polish them off before supper.

This recipe is a big one. It makes several dozen flat wafer-type cookies and about a pint of creamy filling. Since both cookies and filling (which also makes a marvelous cake frosting) may be frozen, it is convenient to make up a large batch, using only the amounts you need for one or two servings. The cookies are at their best served shortly after they are made up into sandwiches.

Chocolate sandwiches

1 cup margarine
2 cups granulated sugar
1 egg
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking soda
4 cups all-purpose flour

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 12 minutes or until done. Cool before filling.

Filling

1 cup margarine
1 pound box confectioner's sugar
2 cups marshmallow fluff
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 tablespoon milk

Mix well until soft and creamy.

B. D.

Old mirror gets new look

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Give an old mirror a new lease on life with a bright frame of colorful cotton fabric.

Use a vivid solid color fabric or a decorative print, depending on the décor. Soft wood paneling or ready-cut acoustical tile can be used to make smooth surfaced frames for small mirrors, photographs, or paintings, say cotton authorities.

Paste fabric on the frame with a household glue.

WOMEN TODAY

Ice cream weight varies

Candid consumer

By Yvonne Horton
Home economics writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Reader questions this week spotlight such diverse consumer topics as buying ice cream, cleaning wooden kitchen ware, and using a clothes dryer.

"Have standard weights for ice cream been determined or considered? I usually buy ice cream by the half-gallon and suspect that all half-gallons don't weigh the same. It occurs to me that it would be easy to attain a certain volume if enough air were whipped into the ice cream, and again we housewives could be hoodwinked into thinking we're getting more food value for the price than we really are." (Mrs. H. E. K., Mt. Vernon, Ohio.)

State and federal laws regulate both content standards and volume permitted through whipping; but products can vary widely in composition because of the wide range permitted, according to Dr. Joseph Tobias, University of Illinois dairy technologist. A half gallon of ice cream or ice milk may weigh as little as 2.25 pounds, or as much as 3.25 pounds, he says.

"How does one clean wooden kitchen ware . . . and wood-handled stainless steel serving dishes?" (Mrs. P.P.K., Oregon, Wis.)

The general rule: wipe, don't wash—and never, never soak. It often is best to wipe items such as wooden spoons and rolling pins under running water, with a damp cloth, immediately after use. If washing is required, use a mild soap. When washing utensils with wooden handles, such as paring knives, just dip them in and out. To wash a wooden-handled metal bowl, pour soapy water into it. Wipe off outside of bowl and handles with clear water.

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Mergers quicken

Companies step up acquisitions as FTC maps conglomerates study

By M. P. Greer
Special to The Christian Science Monitor

New York

If the pace of merger activity seems to be picking up—both in numbers and in the size of companies being acquired—there may be good reason.

The study of the merger trend planned by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), with particular emphasis on avaricious conglomerates, may have prompted some firms to "get their licks in" before they are confronted by a host of new rules.

Over the past few weeks, roughly since the FTC announced its intention, the biggest merger to come down the road is Westinghouse Electric's takeover of MCA Inc., the huge entertainment complex. If the deal goes through, Westinghouse will pay stock worth approximately $385 million and will join the list of giant factors in the motion-picture, television, and music fields.

Corporate buying rises

If other announced mergers do not come up to that size, the number of companies in the process of acquisition certainly seems to have picked up. Last week, shareholders of Gulf & Western Industries held a special meeting and, in one fell swoop, approved plans to take over three companies. Two of these — Associates Investment and Brown Company—have already come under the G&W umbrella as a result of tender offers, which produced 87.8 percent of Associates' stock and 75.1 percent of the outstanding shares of Brown Company.

The merger masters could have good reason for their haste. The FTC probe could turn into the first deep look anybody has had at the intricate financial maneuvers involved in building conglomerates—and it could lead to legislation that would put a rein on such activity.

Mergers follow law

Up to now, conglomerates have been relatively free of government interference. Primarily, that is because their mergers do not violate the two basic guideposts which would bring the Justice Department up roaring.

Those two are so-called "vertical" and "horizonal" mergers.

In the first case, a company takes over either a supplier or a customer. The second type is one in which a company absorbs a competitor. Both these mergers invariably stir the hostility of the Justice Department—and, often, the FTC.

But conglomerates absorb companies with no apparent connection. Ling-Temco-Vought, for example, is in meat packing, pharmaceuticals, aerospace, and other industries. Litton Industries, the prototype of conglomerates, has interests ranging all over the business map, and Gulf & Western has subsidiaries in areas from zinc mining to motion pictures.

As a result, both the Justice Department and the FTC have been left on the outside of the merger race, looking in. Now, they have decided to take a closer look. Just possibly, they apparently feel, there may be a few things in the conglomerate picture that need the attention of some eagle-eyed young regulators.

The agencies could find a lot of support in Wall Street. Although the conglomerate revolution has created more than its share of stock-market millionaires, it has also fostered a host of skeptics, who claim the multiindustry corporation is just an exercise in numbers and that there really is no solid business reason for the existence of conglomerates.

The conglomerates themselves counter this charge with the claim that their form of organization permits them to supply management talent, planning, and financing that would not be available to the companies individually. They base their claim to continued existence on their professional managerial skills.

Earnings dip

For a long time, the empire builders seemed to have the numbers on their side. The acquisition route seemed a good way to an ever-climbing earnings curve — and Wall Street just ate it up. Litton's sales rose from $3 million in 1954 to $1.56 billion in 1967 and its market price soared from a low of 1¾ to a high of over 120, after adjustment for splits.

Then, last January, Litton reported lower earnings and put part of the blame on management errors. That soured the market on conglomerates — Litton is down more than 40 percent from its high — and the entire group has suffered since.

That development may also have given the government regulators the idea that perhaps the whole scheme is not what it appears to be and that it might be time for a close look.

Just what sort of evidence will turn up is hard to say. A recent published study showed that Ling-Temco-Vought's annual report contained four per-share earnings figures, any one of which might have been the company's results for the year. Other conglomerates have so many different kinds of stock outstanding as a result of mergers that stock exchanges list them with letter symbols, where normally they would describe the class.

The conglomerates, too, are uncertain of what the commission will find. But rather than wait to find out, many of them are running through their acquisition programs at a stepped-up pace.

BUSINESS

Steelmakers begin to shave across-the-board price hikes

Business roundup

Bethlehem, Pa.

Across-the-board steel price hikes are coming unglued.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which led the government-opposed move toward general price boosts of about 5 percent, said it has scaled down its price increases to about 2.4 percent to stay competitive with United States Steel Corporation.

Just prior to Bethlehem's reduction, U.S. Steel had posted the third round of selective price boosts since July 30. The latest hikes —on auto and appliance steel—brought the aggregate increases to 2.5 percent.

The announcements indicate that the industry's price leaders will not completely roll back their price boosts, but will settle for smaller increases.

Fed policy review

Washington

Starting in 1969, the Federal Reserve Board will furnish the Joint Economic Committee of Congress its plans for monetary policy during the coming year, Sen. William Proxmire (D) of Wisconsin, committee chairman announced.

It was also learned that the Fed will give Congress an explanation whenever the nation's money supply grows at an annual rate of more than 6 percent or less than 2 percent.

Fed officials indicated that the annual monetary report will merely be a projection of what credit and interest rate conditions will exist—if the economy lives up to the January forecast of the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

World Bank may expand

Washington

The World Bank will seek a major expansion of its lending to underdeveloped nations, its president, Robert S. McNamara, announced.

He said a stepup in loans—which may double—is essential to offset declining foreign aid from the United States and other industrialized nations.

Mr. McNamara released the plans along with an announcement that the bank will offer a new bond issue of 400 million deutschemarks ($100 million) on the German market. To raise loan capital, the bank is dependent on its ability to sell bonds on world markets.

Japan trims bank rate

Tokyo

The Bank of Japan has trimmed its discount rate to 5.84 percent from 6.205 percent.

Finance Minister Mikio Mizuta said the reduction was made possible by marked improvement in Japan's balance-of-payments in the past few months. He attributed the improvement mainly to brisk business conditions in the United States.

The rate had been raised to 6.205 percent last January in a series of moves to cut down on the booming imports that were pushing Japan's balance-of-payments account into deficit.

Stock-market comment

Abbott, Proctor & Paine: "It is unusual for a market to swing from a highly speculative atmosphere to a more logical approach to investment without experiencing a major selloff, but this is apparently what is happening—to borrow a term from the economists, it is a 'rolling readjustment.'"

Compiled from the Associated Press, Reuters, and the worldwide sources of this newspaper.

Barely there

A new polycarbonate film, Kimfol, is said by the Kimberly-Clark Corporation to be the world's thinnest, ranging as thin as 80 millionths of an inch. Used as an insulator, the new product makes possible a 75 percent reduction in size of electrical capacitors in precision instruments, computers, and communications equipment.

Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association

Two rooms that expand from the basic body combine with a screened porch to give this mobile home as much living space as many new apartments. But the growing size of mobile units compounds the lack of trailer park space to handle the booming number of new mobile-home owners.

Not so mobile

Low-cost housing—It's on wheels

By Richard C. Halverson
Business and financial writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Boston

House and apartment rents continue upward. Prices of new homes soar to a May average of $30,500, forcing many American families out of the market.

Little wonder that record numbers of young and retired couples are buying mobile homes, "the low-cost housing with high-cost financing." The Mobile homes Manufacturers Association predicts that sales will hit 300,000 in 1968, compared to 240,390 last year.

That would equal almost one-quarter of the 1.4 million conventional new houses and apartments expected to be started this year. Some 5.5 million Americans already are living in 2 million mobile homes. Couples under 34 compose 43 percent of the number, while retired persons account for 25 percent.

Some mobile homes seen on a recent drive in Vermont were set on permanent foundations over basements and had attached two-car garages.

Low-cost housing

Low cost and low maintenance are the major selling points. A square foot of living space in a mobile home costs about $8 against at least $14 for a house.

Mobile-home prices range from $5,000 to $12,500, completely furnished with carpet, drapes, furniture, and appliances. The average two-bedroom mobile home is 12 feet wide by 60 long and sells for $6,000. Its 720 square feet is on a par with the size of many new apartments, though much smaller than the average 1,200-square-foot house.

Those needing more elbow room can buy double units that bolt together, giving 1,440 square feet of area, or can purchase expandable units with rooms that slide out from the basic body for extra space.

To suit varying tastes, mobile homes come in a wide range of décor including contemporary, early American, French provincial, or even oriental. Some makers strive for a conventional home look by adding shutters, hip roofs, or artificial stone trim.

Little maintenance

Mobile homes need virtually no maintenance — especially appealing to retired couples. Aluminum exteriors can be hosed down as easily as the family car.

Tightening loose screws and occasional caulking are the main chores. Dealers also recommend a new roof coat of insulating sealant every year or two.

But high financing costs, expensive insurance, and fast depreciation take some of the bloom off owning a mobile home.

Mobile homes are normally financed as personal property, rather than real estate. As in car financing, installment loan interest is figured on an add-on basis — as if the borrower held the entire principal for the life of a loan.

Thus the average add-on rate of 6 percent for new mobile homes is the equivalent of almost 12 percent in true annual interest. By comparison, the average real-estate mortgage rate is 7 percent annual interest. The relative short term of the loans also keeps monthly payments high. Maturities on mobile-home loans usually run just 5-7 years, against 20 or more for real estate. Required down payments average 25 percent.

The new housing bill just signed by President Johnson gives savings-and-loan associations authority to lend on mobile homes. But it appears unlikely that finance rates will drop, even with the new competition.

Insurance rates on mobile homes run twice as high as for conventional homes, primarily because mobile homes tend to gravitate toward temperate areas—such as Florida—which have bad windstorms. Moreover, many mobile homes are located in rural areas with marginal fire protection.

Insurers quote a rate of $1.15 to $1.25 per $100 of value for a comprehensive homeowner's policy, compared to 50 to 60 cents for a conventional home.

Insurance men advise mobile-home owners to stake them down in wind-risk regions. Light for its size, a mobile home is usually a total loss if winds tip it over.

Value depreciates

Regular houses have tended to appreciate in value in recent years. In contrast, mobile homes depreciate rather sharply the first year.

One New England bank specializing in financing mobile homes figures depreciation at 30 percent the first year and 60 percent over the life of a seven-year loan. Thus a home costing $6,000 would be worth only $2,400 by the time a seven-year loan was paid off.

A somewhat offsetting element is the generally lower tax on mobile homes. Most states tax them as personal property rather than as real estate.

In Massachusetts, for example, an owner who keeps a $10,000 unit in a mobile-home park pays just $72 a year in taxes. The owner of the same value conventional house would pay several hundred dollars in real-estate taxes in most communities in the state.

Park space scarce

Purchasers of mobile homes in many states, though, must pay sales taxes that are not levied on house buyers.

Nevertheless, mobile homes on balance represent the most economical home to own —and the only low-cost housing on the market.

Lack of adequate space for mobile-home parks is the major problem facing potential home buyers—and a drag on sales.

Space is so scarce that mobile-home dealers can often require purchasers to keep their homes in his own park. Dealers thus profit from lot rentals, which average $40 a month, as well as the sale itself.

About 50 percent of mobile-home buyers put them on their own lots. But since many towns have zoned out mobile homes, they often are restricted to rural areas.

One estimate rates half of the nation's 25,000 mobile-home parks as inadequate because of overcrowding, poor maintenance, or poor location.

Some luxurious parks, especially in California, boast their own golf courses and boating facilities. But the rent at those parks runs $100 a month, or higher.

Standards established

Among the best selling makes in the middle-price range of $5,500-$7,500, lenders list the Marlette of Marlette Homes, Inc., and the New Moon, produced by Redman Industries, Inc. New Moon is the single largest selling make in the country.

In the upper range to $12,500, Vindale homes, made by Vindale Corporation, are high in demand.

The Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association and the Trailer Coach Association on the West Coast have set performance standards for every nut and bolt that goes into homes produced by their member firms. But only 60 percent of mobile homes are built under those standards. Such homes display an identifying sticker.

Even then each prospective buyer must judge for himself on matters of style and quality of finish work.

In buying a mobile home, it is extremely important to select a dealer who is permanently established— one who will be around to service that one-year warranty. Of the 7,000 dealers only 1,000 belong to the Mobile-home Dealers National Association and subscribe to its code of ethics.

Record trading

By the Associated Press

New York

Trading volume on the American Stock Exchange rose to record highs in the first half of 1968; Ralph S. Saul, president, said in his quarterly report to members.

Volume in the second quarter averaged 7.4 million shares a day — also a record — and brought the first half total to 750,827,572 shares, 49 percent above the level set during the first six months of 1967, Mr. Saul said.

Air-age kits for schools

New York

American Airlines and Cessna Aircraft Company announced a joint educational project to stimulate a greater understanding of air transportation among schoolchildren.

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Raytheon invests in people

By John Owen
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Waltham, Mass.

Thirty-seven young men and women from Boston who six months ago were either unemployed or underemployed are now equipped with new skills and are working in new jobs.

The 37 are the first group to be graduated from a training program conducted by Raytheon Company and financed mostly by federal funds.

The company was one of the first to take part in the President's Five Cities program, a test program providing for 27 training centers in five metropolitan areas.

Lee A. Shephard, a 23-year-old Roxbury resident, is one of the graduates.

"I wasn't doing anything but walking the streets looking for something," Mr. Shephard said of his pre-training life.

Instruction sought

Now he is working for $2.75 an hour (and looking forward to a promised raise) as an electronic cable assembler in Raytheon's Waltham plant.

"I enjoy it very much. I was looking for something like this," he says enthusiastically.

The young man did not complete high school. But after his success in the cable-assembling class he is planning to start a 40-week electronic technician's course in August.

Mr. Shephard says he has been telling others about the training program. "Even my girl friend is coming out here next week," he says.

Thomas L. Phillips, president of Raytheon, says the trainees, mostly blacks, are from disadvantaged social and economic environments. "All were drawn from the Concentrated Employment Program area which includes Roxbury, Dorchester, South Boston, South End, and Jamaica Plain."

Trainees are assured of jobs with Raytheon after successfully completing the course.

Mr. Phillips says the Raytheon job-training program ties in directly with the federal government's efforts to train and employ the disadvantaged people of the nation's urban areas and to provide them with job skills necessary for improving their standard of living.

"It is not enough just to offer a man a job. Anyone can find a job if he's willing to settle for whatever is available. What the worthwhile man prefers, however, is a job with dignity and economic independence. He wants the ability to say, 'I am a draftsman'—not simply, 'I've got a job,' " says Mr. Phillips.

Courses are offered that teach clerical, key-punch, and drafting skills. An orientation phase includes basic reading, basic mathematics, motivation, and history of minority groups. Individual counseling sessions also are offered.

Trainees are recruited and screened under the Concentrated Employment Program by the Agency for Boston Community Development (ABCD) in Roxbury and the Department of Employment Security.

In addition to the 37 who have completed their courses and are working, there are 35 new trainees now in classes. An additional 34 are scheduled to start training July 29.

For those in the program there is earning as well as learning. The men and women are paid from $1.75 to $2 an hour while being trained.

Car pools arranged

The Waltham project is financed by a $626,000 grant from the United States Labor Department and a $44,000 contribution by Raytheon. The cost for each trainee averages out to $3,579, the company says.

Bus service is provided daily between the Dudley Street station in Roxbury and the training school in Waltham. After the trainees complete the courses, the company helps them form car pools for getting to work.

Ben Carter has completed the 18-week drafting course and has been working in a company plant for two weeks. "I love it," he says. He is earning no more now than in his former job as shipper. But, he says, prospects for advancement are better in his new job.

Another of the graduates is a young woman from Dorchester who has moved into a typing and filing job in the company's Bedford plant after completing a 10-week clerical course.

Raytheon's first group of trainees started out with 47 members. A few were high-school graduates but the average had an eighth-grade education.

One person was dropped during the training period because of poor behavior. Others left for personal reasons, to work with other companies, or because they were drafted.

Company officials are pleased with the results.

Mr. Phillips says "As similar programs are developed across the nation by more and more industrial firms, we feel that the benefits will be felt in terms of urban improvement, industrial progress, gains in human dignity, and betterment of racial relations."

By Peter W. Main, photo staff

Grasping an opportunity

These trainees in electronic cable assembly at the Raytheon Company training center in Waltham, Mass., are assured of good-paying jobs in the industry. A few weeks ago some of them thought they had little to look forward to but endless days of unemployment.

College 'minstrels' begin to take root

By Peter C. Stuart
Staff writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Medford, Mass.

Prof. William Sprague Barnes has a term for them—"wandering minstrels."

He refers to United States doctoral students visiting Latin America on fellowships. All too typically, he says, they drift about in the strange surroundings, never settling nor learning much about the locale, perhaps never even mastering the language.

They do their research as best they can, then rush back to the United States, leaving neither themselves nor their Latin hosts much richer for their visit, he asserts.

Professor Barnes directs a two-year-old fellowship program at Tufts University that challenges this concept. The program—operated by the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy here—seeks to transform the United States fellow visiting Latin America from a "wandering minstrel" into a kind of working academic ambassador.

Contribution stressed

Instead of flitting about, he plants roots at a Latin-American university; instead of conducting research in isolation, he works under the wing of a qualified professor there; instead of skimming the academic surface, he wades into the mainstream of university life by teaching classes.

Most important, says Professor Barnes, instead of merely extracting knowledge, the fellow contributes something as well.

The pioneering fellowship program was developed by the Fletcher School, a 180-student graduate institution. In two years it has located 24 students across Latin America. The school has just dispatched its third fellowship group of 16 students.

The Fletcher approach offers academic, cultural, and political advantage, say those involved.

Academically, the fellow's research is said to acquire greater depth. Associated with a Latin-American university, he can become at home in his field in a way a student-tourist is not likely to. Further, the university connection opens doors closed to outsiders.

Duplication less likely

The fellow is equipped to transmit to Latin Americans the best in knowledge and skills that U.S. graduate schools have to offer.

Prof. Frank Bonilla of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a member of the committee that selects the fellows pointed up another advantage. Latin Americans have sharply accelerated their academic research in recent years, he said, heightening the danger of duplication. North American fellows who work hand-in-hand with Latin-American scholars, rather than in isolation, can be surer that their research makes an original contribution.

Prof. Richard Morse of Yale University, another selection-committee member, added that the close working relations that Fletcher fellows develop with their Latin colleagues often blossom into careers or partial careers in Latin America.

Edmund A. Gullion, dean of the Fletcher School, from his viewpoint as a former career diplomat (he was Ambassador to the Congo from 1961 to 1964), stressed the cultural and political role of the fellowship program.

Quality of aid lifted

"Education has the greatest leverage for uplifting the developing areas like Latin America," he said.

"A nation like ours gets the most for its investment when aid for development is used to develop the human resource," he explained.

The Fletcher program got its start from influences on both sides of the Caribbean. In Latin America, an education explosion opened a pressing need for university instructors. In the United States, university officials began to take a critical look at the traditional Latin-American fellowship.

Sleepy, confused

Divers' tests hint limit to descent

By a staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Two scientists, one French, one American, have run into what they think may be a depth barrier for divers in the sea.

In two recent tests at pressures equal to those 1,190 feet deep, their physical performance fell apart. They became sleepy and unable to distinguish left from right.

If their experience does indicate a real depth limitation, this would be critical for the development of aquanautics—the art of living and working for extended periods beneath the sea. It would mean that the aquanauts would be restricted to considerably less than 1,000-foot depths. This is a far greater limitation than diving physiologists have foreseen.

The tests were run in a shoreside pressure chamber owned by the Compagnie Maritime d'Expertise at Marseille. In this, French scientist Andre Veyrune and Dr. Ralph Brauer of Duke University withstood pressures up to 37 times that at the surface. The effect on their bodies, in these simulated dives, was the same as they would have experienced in real dives beneath the sea.

Four minutes at depth

In the two tests, they took something like three and a half to four hours to reach the highest pressures. They remained four minutes under these pressures, that is at a simulated depth of 1,190 feet. Then they underwent five and a half days of slow decompression to return to normal.

Reporting on this, Dr. Brauer said they became somnolent, slipping in and out of sleep at the greatest depths.

"I had trouble distinguishing right from left," he said. "My mental processes were terribly slow. I had trouble reading my watch. I would look at it and would be unable to decide if it said 47 or 52. And it really didn't seem to matter.

"From these experiments, I think it is obvious that men cannot function effectively much below 1,000 feet with the present knowledge and techniques available."

However, these two tests do not prove there is such a limitation by any means.

Last winter, for example, five American Navy men spent 48 hours under a pressure of 25 atmospheres. That's equal to pressure at 825 feet in the sea. Two of them also spent 13 minutes at pressure equal to a 1,025-foot depth. They did not run into the trouble Dr. Brauer and Mr. Veyrune experienced.

To try greater depths

Also, Dr. Hannes Keler, Swiss mathematician, has dived to 1,000 feet in the Pacific without the somnolence Dr. Brauer reports. But Dr. Keler's companion, Peter Small, perished from other causes on that dive.

There just isn't enough yet known about diving to such depths to judge whether or not Dr. Brauer and Mr. Veyrune have, in fact, run into a barrier. There may be other explanations for their experience. Dr. Brauer himself says, "We must study further."

Except for these recent Marseille tests, physiologists have not expected to run into trouble at 1,000 feet. If there are depth barriers, they generally expect these to lie more deeply.

For example, Dr. John R. Schulte of Ohio State University plans to study this in a pressure chamber that can reach much greater depths than were simulated at Marseille.

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Czechs point to neutrality?

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Seen in long-range perspective, the Bratislava conference may well have ushered in the beginning of the end of the status quo in Eastern Europe as it has grown out of the Yalta agreements.

Something new has begun—the neutralization of Eastern Europe between the Soviet Union and West Germany—regardless of the fact that the communiqué on the conference contains every Communist shibboleth of the past two years.

Hard-line Communists throughout the bloc have warned Moscow that the Czechoslovak heresy would spread. According to reliable Polish sources, Wladyslaw Gomulka, Poland's First Secretary, expressed fear that anti-Communist elements might gain the upper hand in his country; first revisionists, he is reported to have told Moscow, then "reactionaries."

Spheres of influence

East European diplomats at the United Nations believe Mr. Gomulka and East Germany's President and Party Chief, Walter Ulbricht, urged Moscow to nip in the bud the Czechoslovak reform by military means.

Hard-liners in Moscow held that Soviet supremacy had to be defended at any price. Steeped in Stalinist concepts of exclusive spheres of interest, these hard-liners argued that any socialist country allowed to slip out of the fold of Moscow's socialist commonwealth would certainly be drawn eventually into the American-West German sphere of influence.

The danger was said to be especially great in Czechoslovakia because of its common borders with West Germany and Austria. Romania already has loosened its ties with the bloc, but its internal regime is staunchly communist and it has no common borders with the West.

Realists in Moscow are believed to have seen things differently.

Military intervention in Czechoslovakia, they felt, might bring about a general uprising in Eastern Europe into which the two Germanys might be drawn with the likelihood of a direct confrontation between Moscow and Bonn.

This is something the majority of the Soviet leaders seek to avoid because a conflict with West Germany could lead to a war with the United States. But there also is another line of reasoning.

Despite Moscow's fulminations against neo-Nazism in West Germany, the Kremlin always has had an ambivalent policy toward Bonn. An understanding with West Germany would be an asset for the Soviet Union. It would sever Bonn's ties with America, loosen Washington's foothold in Europe, and secure for the Soviet Union the economic cooperation of the most powerful and financially most potent country of the continent.

Close economic ties

Moscow's biggest asset in dealing with West German interests is East Germany. The ideal solution for Moscow would be Bonn's recognition of the Eastern regime.

Political trouble in East Germany or military operations in which East Germany might become involved would lead to tense relations between the two Germanys and invalidate Soviet attempts to reach an understanding with Bonn without sacrificing East Germany.

Whatever the diplomatic subtleties of Moscow's policy toward the West, Premier Alexei N. Kosygin and other responsible leaders seem to have understood that their country today is strong enough to give Eastern Europe a leeway which would have been unthinkable under Stalin.

Although the Kremlin probably still prefers to deal with hard-liners in East European capitals, all East European countries today are economically so closely tied to the Soviet Union that a complete severance of relations is out of the question.

A loosening of part of Eastern Europe's economic dependence on the Soviet Union probably would be welcomed by Soviet economic planners. At present prices, the Soviet Union apparently loses much money in its deliveries of raw materials to its western neighbors whose currencies are valueless in the international market and whose industrial goods, Moscow has repeatedly complained, are not always up to world standards.

Czechoslovakia is a case in point. It needs vast quantities of Soviet raw materials, and the quality of its industrial goods—once among the best in the world—has deteriorated greatly. Its dependence on a Soviet military alliance is obvious.

The Soviets also must have had evidence that their goodwill in this formerly most Russophile country of central Europe had suffered badly. By stepping softly, this goodwill can be restored.

It is the same thing in the other countries of Eastern Europe. By making concessions to Prague, the Soviets have strengthened their position in Budapest and Bucharest. Bulgaria never has been a problem, and conditions in Poland are such that the Soviets prefer to play their hand carefully. Whatever the preferences of the East German party and government, they are too closely tied to Moscow to pursue a really independent policy.

Moreover, the Soviets have offered a sop to all of Eastern Europe by confirming in the communiqué their readiness for a "top-level economic conference in the nearest future."

There remains the question of the influence which even a tuned-down Czech reform policy could have inside the Soviet Union. No one knows exactly the position of the responsible leaders in this respect. It is possible that some of them feel that with the rise of the young generation, reforms are inevitable; it also is possible that they feel strong enough to disregard the reformers in their own country.

The fact that Prof. Andrei D. Sakharov—whose essay on progress, peaceful coexistence, and intellectual freedom has had a wide distribution among Soviet intellectuals—has remained a member of the Soviet Academy points in the direction of reform, however.

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Twenty, actually, but Mayor Alderman Hope-Jones couldn't resist jumping on the back of this cycle during its inaugural run in New Milton, England. Driver Rick Coombe designed the bike, which is propelled by the last eight riders, whose pedals are connected to the rear wheel with motorcycle chains.

Queen to bypass Argentina

By Norman Ingrey
Special correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Buenos Aires

Queen Elizabeth II is coming to South America, the first reigning British monarch ever to do so.

But the royal visit has been limited to Brazil and Chile during October and November. Argentina, originally included in the schedule, has been dropped from the tour plans—a significant reflection on the current state of relationships between Buenos Aires and London.

While Brazilians and Chileans prepare to welcome the Queen, and her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, Argentines remain discreetly silent.

There are no hard feelings here. There is simply a calm recognition that this is not an appropriate time for a happy royal visit. The Malvinas (Falkland Isles) dispute and the disappointment over the recent British sanitary ban on Argentine beef are the reasons.

In the official language of London, the British Government advised the Queen to omit this country from her itinerary. This was done after full consultation with Argentine authorities. Actually, as Foreign Minister Nicanor Costa Méndez had previously revealed to local newsmen, no invitation was advanced.

Talks conducted secretly

Anglo-Argentine relationships are a fairly open book. The Malvinas talks, undertaken at United Nations instigation, are in a delicate state. They are being conducted secretly by mutual accord. But while Britain has been ready to discuss sovereignty, little progress has been made because of the appeals of the islanders and their effect on British public opinion. The Wilson government has been forced to declare against transfer, while the 2,000 islanders, all of British stock, are opposed.

The Malvinas have not been included in the royal tour. The Falkland islanders, naturally, are disappointed. The Argentines, especially their military-backed government, acknowledge the gesture. A call at Port Stanley, the capital of what is a loyal island colony for the British, would hardly have strengthened the hopes for a "later" royal visit to Argentina.

But the Malvinas do not represent the only problem clouding the Anglo-Argentine connection. A century-old beef-trade tradition was shattered by a British sanitary ban. This has been lifted, but the trade is not likely to recover its old significance.

Argentina at first was bitter. Now it has partially recovered from the shock and is inclined to thank Britain for forcing modernization of meat processing and a spreading of its foreign custom. At the annual August cattle show here the old British contribution was played down. The new European, and especially Common Market buying interest, was eulogized.

Arbitration role noted

A third difficulty is the British crown's arbitration role in the Argentine-Chile frontier disputes. These are numerous and sharp, especially in Patagonia. This role is established by tripartite treaty which dates back to Victorian times. It has been exploited by the Chileans to their territorial benefit, Argentine sources maintain.

Santiago, Chile, recently appealed for Queen Elizabeth's arbitration on the southern Beagle Channel boundaries where there have been naval incidents with Argentina. The transandean country is acting within treaty rights. But the British are discreetly postponing a decision.

Argentina does not want any further arbitration. It prefers direct negotiations with Chile. No word is expected from London until after the royal tour.

Shipping prowess

Hydrofoil leads Soviet thrust

By a staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

London

It is Cowes Week. In the Solent, off the Isle of Wight, the myriad yachts heel and tack in the gusty winds while ashore all the world of fashion is in seaboots.

In Cowes Castle the Royal Yacht Squadron breaks all precedent, electing greengrocer Sir Alec Rose to membership. No "tradesman" has been so elected before.

And in the Solent, too, the 100-seat Soviet hydrofoil ferry Kometa shows its paces simultaneously before the assembled nautical experts of this nation of seagoers in a great sales drive, right outside the front door, so to speak, of Britain's hovercraft industry.

It is a striking sign of the times. And it heralds a trade development of worldwide import.

Sales target

"Will we have to buy Russian?" muses an executive of a Channel Ferry Company. "We can no longer ignore the hydrofoil."

Britain has indeed ignored the development of this kind of craft until now.

Kometa is to be on view from now on in the Thames where the vessel will be inspected by the Duke of Edinburgh. The Soviets hope to sell dozens of hydrofoils to Britain.

In London it is the time of the great Soviet exhibition, at Earls Court, the greatest planned by the Soviets this year outside their own country. It runs from now until Aug. 24.

The exhibition was opened Aug. 6 by Soviet Minister of Trade Nikolai S. Patolichev.

Its theme is "Through trade to peace and mutual understanding."

A dozen Soviet spacecraft are on view, Soviet automobiles, Soviet fashion, and the Soviet's TU-144, the supersonic jet rival of the Anglo-French Concorde.

Fast cargo liners

And at the same time in "the City," the hub of all the many wheels of British commerce, shipping interests ponder the significance of a sudden Soviet application for membership of the Europe-Australia Shipping Conference.

The Soviets announce they intend to start a regular service with a fleet of fast modern cargo liners to Australia from their Baltic ports, calling at Hamburg, Rotterdam, and, if possible, London.

British shipping interests wonder to what extent this intervention will bring "peace and mutual understanding." They, too, are modernizing and rationalizing their cargo fleet for the Australian run.

The total amount of cargo available on the run appears to be limited. If the Soviets are admitted to the shipping conference they will abide by the freight rates it has fixed, but the trade available for the present members will be reduced.

If, however, they were not to be admitted, the Soviets might disturb the conference arrangements even more seriously by ruthless rate cutting.

Fishing inroads

But this is only one aspect of a wider development still. The appearance on the high seas of an increasingly powerful Soviet merchant fleet emerges as a new fact of life with which the West somehow has to become reconciled.

Last year the Soviet Union launched 1,150,000 tons of new ships. Its merchant fleet already stands sixth in the world in size at 10,600,000 tons.

By 1970 it probably will reach 13,000,000 tons. By 1975 it is almost certain to rate No. 1 among national merchant fleets, discounting those of countries providing "flags of convenience" for tax purposes.

Similarly the West has to reconcile itself to a Soviet thrust of equal power into the deep-sea fishing industry. In the next five years the Soviets aim to double their total catch of fish and of whales.

Soviet oilmen, too, are expanding their gasoline operations in Western Europe. In the London area they are selling cut-price "NAFTA" brand petrol from their own service stations. (NAFTA to most Britons means "North Atlantic Free Trade Area." To the Soviets it means gasoline sales. The Soviets' NAFTA is likely soon to build its own refinery in Western Europe.)

Need for sterling

In general trade terms, British-Soviet overall trade is not yet very large. Soviet exports to Britain last year totaled £123.5 million ($296.4 million) out of a total external trade of £4,000 million. Soviet purchases from Britain run even at the best at less than £7 million.

The Soviets would like to expand their sales to Britain in spite of their trade surplus because they need sterling to finance purchases of wool and perhaps wheat in Australia and rubber and possibly tin in Malaysia.

The fact is that in every sphere a great trade drive has begun. It has quite unusual importance.

The dashing Kometa, rushing from fashionable Cowes to commercial Tilbury at serene and comfortable speed, is thus but a symbol of something clearly very much bigger with those size and significance the Western world will soon have to come to terms.

Atomic prospector sniffs

By the Associated Press

Washington

Government scientists report they've developed an atomic prospector that can find gold, silver, and other mineral deposits — and maybe underground water and oil as well.

The device sends neutron rays into the ground which cause the minerals to send identifiable rays back out, the Atomic Energy Commission and U.S. Geological Survey researchers said in a report.

The scientists said the technique holds promise for detecting underground oil and water by gauging the porosity of deep-lying rock.

Mexico snaps back from quake

By James Nelson Goodsell
Latin America correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Mexico City

Mexican earth rumbled violently last week—again demonstrating this country's susceptibility to earthquakes.

It was an intense quake, registering seven on a 12-point Mercali intensity scale, and was followed by two days of aftershocks at almost half-hour intervals.

The quake was the strongest in 11 years. It caused serious damage to some buildings in Mexico City, forcing the city to condemn one nine-story structure that now tilts at an 18-degree angle.

What impressed observers most here was the speed with which the city and nation went into action to meet the crisis brought on by the quake. Mexico City bomberos, as firemen are called here, were on the scene on several collapsed walls minutes after the quake struck Friday morning. They had rubble cleared from the street allowing streetcars, buses, and cars to pass within an hour.

Outside Mexico City toward the southern state of Oaxaca, the quake's epicenter, Mexican Government authorities moved swiftly to bring aid to isolated villages—although they were delayed a day in doing so because intense rains and a heavy cloud cover suspended all plane and heilicopter service into the area.

Towns most severely hit were Pinotepa Nacional and Jamiltepec in Oaxaca, some 250 miles southeast of Mexico City.

With the exception of Vitlates, near the epicenter, damage from the quake was relatively moderate. Most new buildings going up in Mexico City are better able to withstand earthquakes than those built in years past. Last week's quake tested these structures and found them able to withstand the shocks.

Moreover, Mexico City was back to normal a few hours after the quake. To many here it seemed just one more incident in what was one of the nation's most turbulent weeks since the 1910 revolution.

Student rioting and other disorders earlier in the week, including a violent clash between students and Army units within sight of the national palace, caused numerous deaths and hundreds of injuries. Several thousand were arrested.

The quake, therefore, almost seemed an anticlimax to events earlier in the week.

If anything, the quake intensified efforts by city officials and others in Mexico City to do even better than they are now doing in building "quake proof" buildings and to see that future city construction—including a vast subway system now being built — uses the best materials and techniques to withstand earthquake rumblings and heavings.

Like much of Central America and the west coast of South America, Mexico faces the continuing prospect of earthquakes. Earth is continuing to move underneath this nation. And the solution seems to be one of finding materials and techniques that stand up to the onslaught.

High Court of Australia to have final word

By Reuters

Canberra

The High Court of Australia in a historic legal move will replace the Privy Council in Britain as the final court of appeal in all matters involving Commonwealth law.

Governor General Lord Casey announced in a special issue of the Commonwealth Gazette that legislation for the change has received royal assent.

Australian Attorney General Nigel Bowen said Lord Casey would announce soon when this would take effect. "This will mean that in any litigation, involving Commonwealth matters instituted after Aug. 1, the decision of the High Court will be final," Mr. Bowen said.

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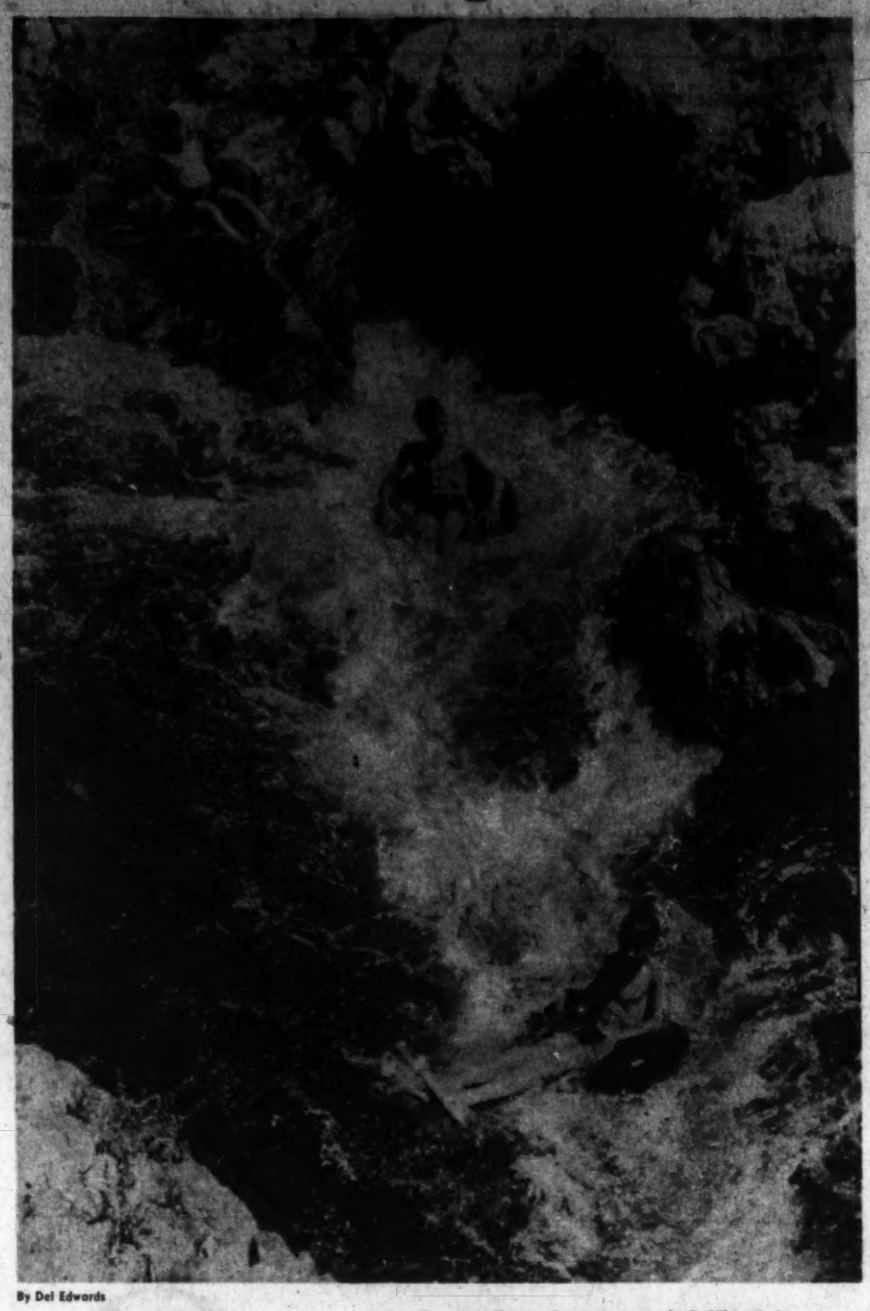
One big, excited look at this beautiful setting and you're already sure that the outing will be a big event.

Who says that old-fashioned swimming-hole swimming in a dashing, clear, pure mountain stream is old-fashioned?



By Del Edwards

Truck-tire transportation

In the small, rocky gorges of California's American River, teen-agers use truck-tire tubes to negotiate the rapids. The water is fast and bubbly and provides many thrills.

Dialogue with youth

By Erwin D. Canham
Editor in chief of The Christian Science Monitor

Reader: It just seems that all the violence has increased in our country since the Vietnam debate. What has our participation in that war done to our country in the eyes of the world?

California Student
Needles, Calif.

E. D. C.: The Vietnam war has certainly damaged the United States grievously in the eyes of the world. A few governments and peoples appreciate what the United States is striving to do—secure the right of the Vietnamese people to choose their own government and way of life—but the terms of the war are so distasteful as to obscure these purposes. There is, of course, great doubt whether the United States has chosen the best means of seeking even the defensible objectives, and there is disagreement over the objectives. But whether this situation has directly caused violence within the United States is impossible to prove. Many people believe there is a direct connection, and wars usually produce some domestic violence, but the facts are hard to establish. Most would agree that there are many other more important causes of violence within the United States.

We invite young people to send in brief questions or comments to this column, which the editor will comment upon in return. Send them to DIALOGUE, care of The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass. 02115.

Quotation for today

Wait not to be backed by numbers. Wait not till you are sure of an echo from a crowd. The fewer the voices on the side of truth, the more distinct and strong must be your own.—CHANNING

The mingling of traditions

By Larry Heller

When Spanky Weaver kicked at the four winter-scarred basins of our softball diamond each springtime, and began testing the lay of the land like a specialist, we scattered over the neighborhood to gather up bases and bats, balls and gloves. Another link in an annual tradition was being forged. From that moment, deep into the summer, the ground would ring with shouts, and tremble at the crack of a bat that frequently sent the ball squarely into Mrs. Thomas's drying bedsheets. Time has sent us our separate ways. Our tradition has passed to another generation. Not by formal ceremony, but by the inexorable way with traditions.

Like the tradition of the nap. To this day, I recall snatches of nap-taking thoughts, in those moments before sleep when I was young. I remember torrents of sunlight pouring over the carpet on my bedroom floor, turning it to a sea of gold to sail. Add a constant breeze from the window, and a rough bedspread to rub bare feet over, and you have the stuff of pleasant memories.

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I would hear, in the dawn of sleep, sounds of children running outside my window, teasing me to join them. I would hear the flap of my mother's wet laundry in the wind, and the indistinct conversations from one yard to another, and the hum of the vacuum cleaner. When the rug caught in it, I could tell you which corner, just by the depth of the hum. I knew the pleasure of waking refreshed as my children know it. I enjoy the tradition now, when I can.

Another tradition deep set in our family is theater—of sorts.

My son came home from school one day and said he would be in the school play. His teacher had typed copies of "The Little Red Hen" for the cast to learn. He was to be a character in it, as well as be in complete charge of a cardboard box made up to look like a barn, with a sign on it saying "Barn." It fell to him to put it on stage at just the right time for each performance. (There were two.) He was also in charge of seeing that the chairs for the characters who wouldn't help Little Red Hen make her grain into bread were neatly in a row.

My son didn't come to this office by a giddy fate. He is the newest link in a chain of tradition that started at the Pickwick Theater in Birmingham, Ala. Lydia Woodcock, my wife Marion's grandmother, was properties mistress and actress there.

Marion is perennially active in our local Barn Theater. And there was a time, not so long ago, when I was touched by the greasepaint. I was fresh out of the Navy, and at loose ends. I went to New York to look for a school of acting. I must have walked around the city a dozen times. I invaded shadowy cellars where actors in trances (this was the heyday of Stanislavski and "The Method") brushed past me. I got tired feet.

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So when my son came home proud and happy and said he was in charge of the properties for his class play, he was only following tradition.

What started me thinking about the heritage of traditions in the first place, was thinking how I knew my own grandparents on both sides simply as "Grandmother" and "Grandfather" when I was a boy. Marion, on the other hand, knew a "Grandmother" and "Grandfather" on one side of the family, but had a "Mamma" and a "Pappa" on the other. This would have eliminated all my confusion as to which was which had I known about it. We carry on this tradition with our children because it adds something to the sum total of our lives, as a tradition should.

Traditions lead men up a humanizing stairway. They are flagstones to the garden of grace.

A verse for today...

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
—LUKE 6:43

Tubby

BY GUERNSEY LE PELLEY

FAMILY FEATURES

Parents: 'credit given where credit is due'

By John Allen

Banks and loan companies—as well as airlines, oil companies, and department stores—bear a staggering burden of credit. They maintain huge staffs and elaborate electronic hardware to keep track of what the world owes them. Their faith in borrowers (bolstered by interest charges) is great and they deserve praise for their confidence.

But the real unsung heroes of the borrowing-and-lending game are that patient crowd described by A. A. Milne (in the Pooh stories) as "friends-and-relations."

The boy who borrows 50 cents against Saturday's collection on the paper route, the co-worker who needs "five bucks 'til payday"—or until he or she can cash a check—these and a host of others are entrusted with nonstatisticalized loans amounting to millions. Maybe billions.

Then there are parents.

Does anyone get through college without owing a few hundred to Mom and Dad? The terms are always vague: "When I'm out on my own working. . . ." "When I get my government loan (or research grant). . . ." "As soon as I sell my electric guitar. . . ." More millions.

Then there are aunts and uncles, who "help out." They help out students and newlyweds, those wanting to spend a summer abroad, and those who are starting a modest business for themselves—a rock-and-roll band, for example. Dear aunts and uncles! Still more millions.

None of these loans, of course, show up in the charts and tables. Their extent can only be guessed at. Unlike the national debt and outstanding home-improvement loans, the money owed "friends-and-relations" is not a single, neat figure. At the same time, however, it is close to the heart and meaningful. The national debt is that great, meaningless sum that somebody owes somebody else—and which is expected to get larger every year simply because nobody can remember when it didn't. But $10 that must be paid back on Friday—that has pulse and impact!

"Friends-and-relations" deserve thanks for more than easy terms and for coming through where credit ratings might otherwise be low. They deserve thanks for preserving the sense of scale, the sense of what it means to borrow and lend. There's even the chance that, when all is said and done, the very backbone of the whole credit system is outside the reach of the statistician's yardstick.

I mean, credit given where credit is due. . . .

American Painting Series stamp

Weekly stamp column

U.S. Postmaster General W. Marvin Watson made public recently the design of this year's American Painting Series postage stamp—a detail from "The Battle of Bunker's Hill" by John Trumbull.

The 6-cent stamp will be issued Oct. 18 with first day ceremonies at New Haven, Conn., where the original hangs at Yale.

Trumbull, who had seen the smoke of battle above Breed's Hill from a distance in 1775, executed what is perhaps his greatest painting 12 years later in the London studio of Benjamin West. He is better known, however, for his "Declaration of Independence" which, with three other heroic size Trumbulls, hangs in the rotunda of the Capitol, in Washington.

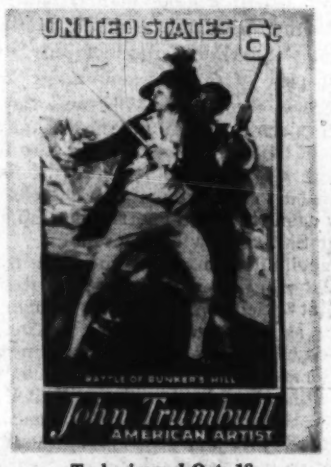
The stamp will be printed in muted tones of yellow and red, applied by offset, with black added by the Giori press. Across the top, in open-face white capitals is "United States 6c." At the bottom, white on black, is "John Trumbull/American Artist." A white horizontal line divides the black panel at the bottom from the artwork. Above this line, also in white, is "Battle of Bunker's Hill."

Lieutenant Grosvenor, in yellow breeches, white blouse, dark jacket, and dark plumed hat holds a sword in his left hand because his right hand has received a wound. Peter Salem, in red breeches, stands behind the officer. He holds a flintlock aloft. In the background is the haze of battle, with smoke rising over Boston Harbor.

The stamp was designed by Howard C. Mildner and Leonard F. Buckley and engraved by Joseph S. Creamer Jr. (picture) and Kenneth C. Wiran (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes, together with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the Postmaster, New Haven, Conn. 06510. A close-fitting enclosure of postal card thickness should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. The envelope to the Postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers 6c Battle of Bunker's Hill." Requests must be postmarked no later than Oct. 18, 1968.

Except for the fact that at the onset he feared he might be hanged as a spy, the eight months John Trumbull spent in an English jail were not too uncomfortable. He was well bedded, could buy special food, and was permitted to paint. His fellow American, Benjamin West, interceded with the King and Trumbull was released and directed to leave the country. He had been jailed in reprisal, after the Americans had hanged English Major John Andre in the Benedict Arnold affair.



To be issued Oct. 18

Trumbull, who had served briefly as an assistant aide-de-camp to General Washington, and about a year and a half in other military capacities, had resigned in a huff with the Continental Congress and had departed to England to paint while the war was still in progress.

"The Battle of Bunker's Hill" was painted in Benjamin West's London studio 12 years after it occurred. This was engraved in Germany, and the prints became widely popular in the new United States.

American artists in England were unsought during the War of 1812, so the debt-ridden artist returned home. President Madison commissioned him to execute four large historical paintings which now hang in the Capitol. These took eight years and earned him $32,000. One of these, "The Declaration of Independence," reveals Trumbull's passion for accuracy in portraiture. To complete it, he painted Thomas Jefferson in Paris, John Adams in London, and 36 others from life, which required him to visit many locations. Nine of the principals he copied from other artists, two he painted from memory. One stand-in was necessary. Benjamin Harrison had died, so Trumbull painted his son.

Trumbull's "The Surrender of General Burgoyne" was reproduced as a postage stamp in 1927. Two of his portraits of Washington became stamps in 1932.

In style, Trumbull was influenced by John Singleton Copley, whose work he admired while a student at Harvard. Young Trumbull, who could read Greek at the age of six, was qualified to enter college at 12, but waited until he had matured at 15 to enroll in Harvard's junior class.

His father, the Governor of Connecticut, discouraged his son's painting career, suggesting architecture. In later life, the painter designed a church for his birthplace, Lebanon.

Trumbull helped to found and was first president of the American Academy of Fine Arts, in 1817.

In 1832, he donated a large collection of his work to Yale in exchange for an annuity of $1,000 a year. Yale's Trumbull Gallery became the first collegiate art museum in the United States.

Daily crossword puzzle

Across

1. Packed in bundles
6. Doctrine
9. Imitation pearl
11. Abound
13. Give
14. Shropshire
16. Nonetheless
17. Bleak
19. Star in Cetus
20. Compare
22. Base
23. Eyesocket
26. Bushy
28. Efficacy
30. Paired
31. Dusk
32. More secure
34. Firn
36. Robot play
37. Ital. daybreeze
40. Porcupine grass
42. Fancy
44. Stanch
45. Dynamite
46. I do
47. Fashion

Down

1. Substance
2. Century plant
3. Fuzz
4. Girl's name
5. Debris
6. Possessive adjective
7. Suture
8. Clover
10. Cabinet wood
12. Glum
15. Handled roughly
18. Espouse
20. Ignited
21. Many
23. Kilns
24. Metal fasteners
25. Terseness
27. Blemish
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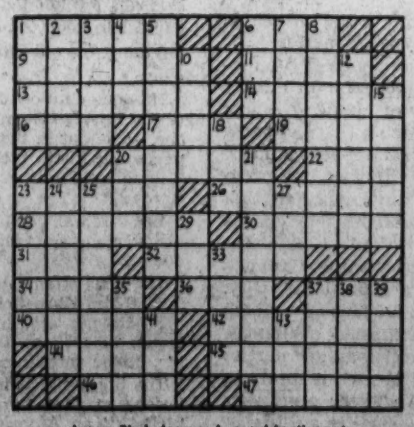

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"First the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear"

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National consensus

As this is written, we suspect that, whoever the Republican nominee is, he will follow a fairly well defined path. He will either follow it willingly or be forced to follow it. For, regardless of an aspirant's own political or ideological views, the problems facing the United States are such as to impose certain lines of action, certain obligations upon him once he were president.

Much has been made of the differing philosophy characterizing such men as Richard Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller, and Ronald Reagan. But the lesson of today and of the Republican convention is that, under the stress of national attention, such differences narrowed greatly.

The reason for this is not far to seek. It lies in the fact that, over the years, there has been gradually developing a kind of rough national consensus on what needs doing at home in America (there is less agreement on what needs doing abroad). Although there are still serious divisions as to *how* certain national goals should be achieved, there is today less division on *what* these goals should be than perhaps ever before.

In general, most Americans have come to agree that there must be steady improvement in race relations and in the granting of equal rights and opportunities to all. There is a growing support for decisive nationwide action on the plight of the cities and the problems of pollution. More and more Americans are coming to support the idea of a concerted campaign to lessen poverty and hunger. As for crime and violence, the overwhelming majority of Americans believe that these challenges demand immediate and high priority.

Once a man steps into the White House, these problems, challenges and opportunities will be foremost in his thought day and night. He will be obliged, pragmatically and practically, to come to grips with them. And, unless he is a political wild man from either the extreme left or the extreme right, he will be forced to seek remedies within the limits of today's political possibilities. While the United States today is ready to undertake big measures to meet big problems, it is not prepared for reckless experimentation in any direction. These are today's political realities to which any president must conform.

The major challenge to any presidential candidate today — whether Republican or Democratic — is to mobilize and channel effectively this national willingness to tackle the monumental problems facing the country. Before each party's candidate there stand two warning examples from the past four years. One is Barry Goldwater's failure to rally the country behind him with a program which could appeal to only a segment of its population. The other has been President Johnson's failure to prevent deep divisions from stalling the national momentum forward. Both of these pitfalls must be avoided if any nominee is to be, first, a successful candidate and, second, a successful president.

Tit-for-tat

An Israeli colonel and captain were killed by Palestinian guerrilla infiltrators during the closing days of July within that part of Jordan now under Israeli military occupation. This was the first time a senior Israeli officer had fallen in one of these engagements. His loss doubtlessly played some part in the Israeli decision to carry out its air attacks Sunday against alleged guerrilla headquarters near Salt, well within Jordan.

Inevitably, much of the rest of the world will sigh wearily at this latest tit-for-tat which can only set back such frail hope as remained, 14 months after the six-day war, for some kind of compromise settlement of the chronic dispute over Palestine. Only a week ago, United Nations Secretary-General U Thant announced that his special representative Gunnar Jarring would shortly be returning to the Middle East to resume on the spot the contacts which he initiated earlier this year. Perhaps the airing of charges and countercharges this week in the Security Council will clear the air enough for Mr. Jarring to go ahead. Perhaps.

The overall outlook remains nevertheless bleak. The Algerian Government has added to the fury and rancor by hanging on so long to the Israeli civilian aircraft hijacked by Palestinians in mid-July. Israel has been blocking U Thant's efforts to have an impartial observer check on Israeli treatment of Arabs in the territories seized by Israeli forces during the six-day war. Thus it is still a question of what has been happening to the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip and such villages as the Biblical Emmaus. There has been the running background of the Palestinian guerrilla operations — and now the Israeli attack on the Salt area.

The Israeli authorities have the evidence of public opinion polls indicating that their own people incline toward a tougher, not a more conciliatory policy toward the Arabs. Yet the simple fact remains that there is a point beyond which the Arabs will not reconcile themselves to further pressure over Palestine.

Experience has shown that mere exhortations to either or both sides is all too often just blowing in the wind. What is still needed is a firm joint effort by Washington and Moscow, preferably through the United Nations, to get their respective clients to accept a settlement that is neither one-sided nor lopsided. Until that is forthcoming, the outlook is likely to continue bleak.

Just 'help wanted'

The help-wanted ad sections in America's major daily newspapers on Sunday morning, December 1, will take the job hunter even longer than usual to pore over. On that day the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's new ruling that "male" and "female" ad headings be dropped, except where sex is "a bona fide occupational qualification," takes effect. The realities of getting hired will force the job seeker to work harder than he already does to figure out from the meager wording of the ads whether he, or she, would be suited for the job.

The EEOC based its ruling on Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which outlaws employment discrimination "on grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin." Such obvious categories as actors and models would be exempted from the new ruling, but it goes far toward encouraging women to apply for jobs in management, engineering and other categories from which they shy away as a group.

Overcoming de jure discrimination, of course, will only help to create a climate in which women will in fact be hired on a basis of qualifications. Preference for the masculine tone will yield only stubbornly.

Yet there is no reason more women should not seek out positions now still largely the privilege of men. The shortages of college-trained workers are forcing many employers to consider women for responsibilities which the sheer weight of custom would have kept closed to them even a few years ago.

The recent progress of women in the job market is pronounced. Not only are such jobs as mail carrying now open to them (recognizing that ladies, after all, can tote things), but their pay is rising even more rapidly than for their male counterparts. The University of Pennsylvania reports a starting salary rise of 9.9 percent for women graduates in the past year, versus a 2.2 percent boost for men.

This progress is welcome. After all, intelligence and ability are the principle things, and these are not a function of sex. And, of course, many men will find the feminine tone not at all objectionable as relief in their male context.

No Grouchos they

A French newspaper reports that on a wall of the Sorbonne is scribbled: "I am a Marxist of the Groucho tendency." This is fine as a *bon mot*, but, alas, poor as ideology.

For the last thing any Marxist tendency could stand would be a happily humorous Groucho orientation. Marxists have been, and today remain, too solemnly sobersided to put up with Grouchoism.

Indeed, onlookers have long noted how particularly solemn Communists have become. They have pointed out how uneasy Communists are when change or upset is in the air. The world chuckled over the French Communist Party's discomfiture when students, not party activists, led last spring's upheaval in France. And during the past month the world has been acutely aware that the Kremlin found events in Czechoslovakia no laughing matter.

Now comes further evidence of communism's solemn, heavy reaction to events. The Communist Party of Mexico has just gravely assured that nation that the party had nothing to do with the recent student rioting in Mexico City. In fact, the party went further. It was quite petulant that anyone could have brought this charge against it.

We do not know what position Groucho would have taken in Paris or Mexico City. But we do know that an ideology which cannot cope with unexpected challenges any better than can the Communist parties of Russia, France, and Mexico is sorely in need of a Groucho. We never remember *his* being without an answer in a crisis.

'Friendship, friendship, it's a perfect blendship . . .'

The parties grow alike

Let's think

By Erwin D. Canham

Miami Beach

What is the real nature of this Republican Party that is about to nominate Richard Nixon as its presidential candidate?

The question is important. It is not easy to answer, because the outlines of Republicanism today are not distinct. This convention and the party it represents have taken up a position in the center. It is somewhat formless: "plastic" is the current word.

It does not have the ardent conservatism that nominated Barry Goldwater four years ago. It does not have the progressivism which would nominate Nelson Rockefeller. In nominating Richard Nixon, it is choosing a man described by one academic authority as a political tactician, not a man of substantive political ideas.

Options preserved

I suspect the candidate aptly fits the mood of the party. The GOP's commitments are cautious. It could move in any direction. It has preserved its options.

Mr. Nixon appears to be rejecting concessions to the right. He has become somewhat more dovelike regarding Vietnam. The party's position on the urban crisis makes minimal reference to "law and order" as a police-action thesis, and recognizes the need for eliminating the causes of civil disorder.

No doubt there will be differences between Mr. Nixon's positions as developed in the campaign and those of Vice-President Humphrey. But under the rhetoric, at least, there will be many similarities. Unlike 1964, there will be more echoes than choices. Those of us who objected to the sharp dialectical contrasts of 1964 can hardly complain if we have come back to two centrist parties in 1968.

Minority president?

That, surely, is where we are. The deep choices of this year's election will be provided by George Wallace on the right, and a fourth party — if there is one — on the left. If the expected happens and Mr. Humphrey is the Democratic choice, the justification for a left-wing party (and extreme peace party), among other things, will be all the more evident.

The amorphousness of the Republican and Democratic centrist positions will give the extremes great advantages. It would not be surprising if a good 30 percent of the vote was siphoned off between the right and the left. That would mean a close race between the Republicans and Democrats, and a minority president.

Outside the consensus

Perhaps all this is not just reflecting the formless spread of Republicanism today, but the formlessness of national society. Organized labor has become middle class, with abundant privileges to preserve. Suburbanism is politically dominant. The core cities and the urban poor are outside the consensus. The Democrats may have an extra appeal to them. But if the Democrats go very far in the special appeal, they will lose the suburbs and with them the election.

The homogenization of American society doesn't make American politics any more comprehensible. A sharply defined political party would be almost certain to be a minority party. The politicians cannot be faulted for going where the voters are. Other nations in the Western world have similar conditions. And so, when election time comes and public thought is disturbed and frustrated, the "ins" are in trouble.

Dispatch from the farm

'Orts to hins'

By John Gould

Lisbon Falls, Maine

"And take the orts to the hins!" was a common household command in my youth, but the general idea seems to have lassituded into a great national problem called a garbage strike. I didn't know, back then, that I was a sanitary engineer and was engaged in a critical public program.

I was delighted a few days ago to notice that a summer-comer has added a trifling pleasantry to his retreat on the shore road —he has tacked a sign on the shed which says "Narwe Cotage." In spite of the many years since I have looked in The Canterbury Tales, I came up with the allusion even as I drove by, and before I saw the coruscating crockery cock by the front steps. I would guess this summer-comer found this porcelain rooster in ye olde antique shoppe, and with Chaucerian delight had repaired to a sign painter who is still wondering what narwe cotage means in English.

Custom has certainly wrought a strange change in the nomenclature. Orts were table scraps, and although now seldom heard ort is a perfectly good word. So, indeed, was swill, but some curious refinement persuaded hoi polloi to go for garbage, a nicety that is not precise. The Anglo-Saxon twist for swill, which garbage does not seem to have, is the rural purpose —it was orts and other aliments prepared for the pigs. And I never knew a hen who wouldn't join a pig at mealtime.

As the populace decided to sophisticate swill into garbage, the city hall people went in one direction to set up sanitation removal, and the professors of animal husbandry went in the other and began talking about nutritional constituents.

Never, in my boyhood, was swill considered an indecorous word. Nor, did we ever use the word garbage, either by itself or in place of. Once in a while somebody would use garbage as a critique—after a political speech somebody would say, "What garbage!" But it was not, on the farm, a going term, because we were daily users of swill dishes, swill pails, and swill barrels. I believe the dictionary bears me out, and that we are discussing an oddity of human presumptions — a reaching for some kind of elegance which costs us our meanings.

There was another kind of ort on the farm. Cattle in their stanchions would eat the hay pushed down from the mow into their mangers, or cribs, and unappealing items would get left. Amongst the sweet meadow clover, raked in a July field, would be an occasional thistle, burdock, hardhack and

suchlike titbits to be rejected. After some time a cow's crib would have a sort of crow's-nest accumulation of sticks and twigs and nettles, and somebody would say, "Before you bring the cows in, clean out the orts." There might be anywhere from a peck to a half bushel of orts in each manger, and it took a little time to go down the tie-up line and police the cribs. Then bossy would start making orts again.

One year we had a miserable summer and haymaking was next to impossible. Everybody was cutting anything he could find, and trying to persuade it to become hay. Link Turner even mowed the swamp behind his woodlot, and mildew and all he piled it in the mow. He said, "The best part of it's grass," but the poorer parts of it were alders, cattails, sweetflag and fiddleheads. That winter somebody asked him how his cows were doing on the swamp hay, and Link said, "I'm getting the best orts I ever see."

State of the nations

Old enemies

By Joseph C. Harsch

Miami Beach

There is no doubt about what the Russians and the Republicans think about each other this time around.

Back in 1956, when the cautious Mr. Molotov still exercised a substantial influence on Russian foreign policy, the Russians were careful to keep out of American politics. If anything, the old expert favored the Republicans.

He once cautioned the Central Committee of the Russian Communist Party to remember, as he put it, that: "The Democrats talk peace but made the Korean war, while the Republicans talk war-but made peace over Korea."

But that was before Richard Nixon went to Moscow and engaged in his famous "ice box debate" with Nikita Khrushchev.

That was attempted American electioneering at Mr. Khrushchev's expense, and Mr. "K" did not appreciate it. He got his revenge in 1960 at the very moment when Mr. Nixon most needed a few extra votes.

The big incident in Russian-American relations at that time was the case of the "RB-47," an American reconnaissance aircraft which had been flying along the Russian shoreline. The Russians nabbed it and interned the crew. It was an early version of the present Pueblo case.

Mr. Nixon, then the presidential candidate of the Republican Party running against John F. Kennedy, wrote a letter to Mr. "K" asking him to release the crew. Years later Mr. Khrushchev stated in a television interview over NBC that he had deliberately sat on that Nixon letter — and the fliers — until after the Kennedy election victory.

If the fliers had been released in response to the Nixon letter, Mr. Nixon would have scored a spectacular campaign coup. It could have changed a few votes. Without any doubt the Russians were doing what they could to spite Mr. Nixon.

The Russians have ostentatiously done about as much pending business as they can with the Johnson Democrats. The score to date is:

1. Opening of regular air services between New York and Moscow.
2. The signing of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.
3. The agreement to begin negotiations on a possible limitation of nuclear weapons.

All three have been done at a time when they inevitably are factors in the American campaign. All could have been saved for the next administration.

Add the possibility that concern about the American election could have been one reason (although probably only secondary) in the remarkable restraint the Russians have exhibited toward Czechoslovakia.

The 1968 Republican Party platform is in most respects a surprisingly liberal document. Much of it is a paraphrase of previous Democratic platforms. But on Russia the hackles visibly rose.

There is nothing about "building bridges" between Moscow and Washington. There is no stated interest in any "détente." It amounts almost to a proposed renewal of the "cold war" between Russia and the United States. And that plank came largely from the Nixon camp.

Yet here is Mr. Nixon now hinting at the possibility of a visit to the Soviet Union this summer. This does not mean old scores are forgotten. But it could mean recognition that American-Russian relations are now evolving.